

**Plans are revealed for 'wellness village' - read more on page 7.**

**Showjumping Wales NHS manager convicted of fraud - see page 3.**

## New building at Pencoed means Bridgend College could be on the move

**BRIDGEND College has unveiled a strategy that aims to close its Cowbridge Road campus, and instead move to Bridgend town centre.**

Not all the departments would move to the town, because a number are earmarked to go to a new college STEAM building on the Pencoed campus.

The strategy came to light when plans for the new Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) academy building at the Pencoed campus were submitted to planners at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

There was an enthusiastic response from BCBC, with Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, saying: "Relocating to the town centre would offer many advantages while strengthening the area's reputation as a hub for further and higher

education opportunities.

"Once Bridgend College is ready to progress its plans, we'll be happy to work closely with them and provide expert advice and support that will help to secure the future of the college."

The proposal involves relocating the engineering, automotive and technical faculties from Bridgend College's Cowbridge Road campus to the Pencoed site, placing it alongside the college's existing construction academy.

The 8,500 sq m new facility will include: Mechanical and electrical engineering workshops; motor vehicle workshops; science laboratories; standard teaching classrooms; IT classrooms; café and social spaces; and a multi-purpose hall.

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## From blogger to blockbuster? Rachel publishes her debut novel

**A BLOGGER from Bridgend, but who now lives in Brighton, has published her debut novel.**

Rachel Jeffrey, 20, says writing has provided her with a "welcome distraction" from the medical problems she faces.

She said: "I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of two. Then in 2011, I suffered an accident when I fell out of the back of a minibus at school."

"It took three years to find out about my slipped disc. It was removed in October 2016 at Morriston Hospital in Swansea."

Rachel has also been diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome and facet syndrome. Despite her physical difficulties she produces a stream of blogs at [rachelmwriter.com](http://rachelmwriter.com) to encourage other people with disabilities. Reading and writing have always been an important part of her life.

"I've thought up stories ever since I was sitting at the dining room table at the age of

three or four. I enjoy historical novelists like Ellie Deane and Annie Groves.

"I read a wide range of authors. Stephen King is quite an inspiration. I love his book *Misery* and read it first in college. It was so imaginative and immersive."

"I set my novel *Carefree and Consequence* in 1950. It tells the story of a young couple, Annie May and Lewis who have just left high school. A night on the beach changes their lives forever. Annie May is a prim young lady who has to deal with her fall from grace. Lewis has always been one of the guys but it's time for him to grow up."

Rachel, who currently works for a PR company based in Brighton, added: "I'd love to become a full-time writer. I've already started my next book which is non-fiction and about my school days in Bridgend."

*Carefree and Consequence* by Rachel Marie is available as a Kindle book at Amazon.



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## AM calls for more action to rescue children from abuse

A MEMBER of the Welsh Assembly is backing calls from a childhood sex abuse survivor for the Welsh Government to do more to help abused children escape their ordeal.

Caroline Jones AM met and endorsed a petition from Mayameen Meftahi, a Swansea campaigner and victim of child sexual abuse, who wants the Welsh Government to provide 'child houses' where children suffering abuse can find refuge.

After receiving the petition, Caroline Jones AM said: "Mayameen Meftahi is a truly inspirational woman, subjected to years of harrowing abuse at the hands of her own father, she has, with immense bravery, decided to speak up for child victims of sexual abuse. Her story may be harrowing, but her drive and message are commendable and I hope the Welsh Government will listen.

"Through my own experience dealing with sexual offenders as a prison officer at Parc in Bridgend, I fully and wholeheartedly endorse any moves to make it easier for child victims of sexual abuse to escape that despicable treatment and receive the help they need.

"I share the views of the petition that it is wholly unacceptable to expect child abuse sufferers to travel all the way to London to get access to a child house, and I firmly believe that there needs to be a similar provision set-up here in Wales."

## Louis (and The Grinch) have the best cakes!



Louis Parry's winning Grinch cupcakes.

LAST year, pupils at St Clare's Porthcawl took part in a Christmas cookery competition to raise money for an anti-bullying organisation.

Louis Parry was the year-7 champion with his Grinch cupcakes. Christina Farmer provided the contestants with afternoon tea and the winners were presented with chefs' toques and aprons.

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## A wonderful start to Stroke Club's year



Pictured (left to right): Keith Duggan, chairman; Mary Duggan, secretary; Mandy Brownell and Frank Fulgoni.

THE last year has been amazing for the Porthcawl Stroke Club, with community support in all directions. The club wishes to thank everyone for their support which is much appreciated.

Frank Fulgoni presented a cheque to the club for

£250 on behalf of the Porthcawl Horticultural Society. At Christmas, the club was given a treat by Porthcawl Mayor, Cllr Norah Clarke and her colleagues who waited on members hand and foot at a lunch at The Ancient Briton, Newton. It was such a jolly time, and thanks also go to all involved.

Barbara Matthews

## WI throws its weight behind the campaign for better bus services in the borough

IT only seems to be five minutes ago that I was wishing everyone 'Happy New 2018' and yet here we are already two weeks into 2019! Where does the time go?

Anyway, on to the business of the month – Resolutions! The first meeting of the year is always the point when WI members nationwide are given the opportunity to have their say on which resolution to be taken forward as a national campaign by the National Federation of Women's Institutes later in the year.

On January 10, 40 members of Sker WI met to do just that. As usual there were six resolutions to consider. Topics were wide and varied covering issues such as 'Improving Plant Biosecurity in the UK' and 'Don't Fear the Smear'.

This year, however, there was a unanimous vote in favour of a resolution that chimed very strongly with members of Sker WI, a topic that I have no doubt will be echoed by many of my readers.

The resolution that Sker WI chose was 'A Call Against The Decline in Local Bus Services'.

This resolution highlights the massive nationwide decline in the number of bus routes, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas. The resolution calls on the 'Government and local authorities to increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport operators to enable an adequate provision of services.'

It is argued that this strategy is necessary in order to help alleviate loneliness, improve health and well-being and promote sustainable development.

As a community Porthcawl, along with many neighbouring towns, is facing such a massive reduction in bus routes that some areas will have no bus service at all. This will have severe consequences for some of our more vulnerable citizens, and is a great cause for concern for many people who have not got the financial resources for private cars or taxis and may not be eligible for the community transport service. Those who may be eligible for this service may not know how to access it anyway.

With the imminent relocation of the town's GPs from the town

centre to the new health centre in Newton, many of Sker WI's members voiced concern that the curtailment of some of the more crucial bus routes is going to coincide with the opening of the health centre and that this will inevitably cause worry and disruption to many patients.

Hopefully, the situation regarding adequate public transport links can be reconsidered before too long and access to an efficient and effective public transport service is once again seen as something that is necessary to the well-being of the community at large, and not just as an expensive luxury that can be the first service to be hit when the time comes.

From its beginning in 1915, the Women's Institute has been a campaigning organisation. I am proud to see that Sker WI is happy to continue in that same proud tradition.

Sker WI meets at 7pm at St David's church hall, Nottage village on the second Thursday of the month. You can find out more at our Facebook page: SkerWI@NottageVillage

Christine Beynon

## Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild News

IT is not too late to say "Happy New Year" I hope! We started our year with a good speaker for our first meeting.

This was Rev Teddy Kalongo describing his early life in Zambia and how he had to make a rapid departure to this country because of death threats. He told us of the different culture in Zambia and how he had to adapt when he came here with his family. It was most interesting and we had many questions afterwards.

The committee have been busy planning dates for the year ahead and an

afternoon tea will be held in August as usual. Our 65th birthday is coming up and we will be celebrating with lunch at The Grove.

Our next meeting is on February 13 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when Joyce James will be talking about Agatha Christie. We have all enjoyed her 'Whodunits' at some time haven't we? So do come and join us to find out more. All are welcome.

Dorothy Thomas

## 'The GEM checks in for regular hospital appointment!'

A COUPLE of years ago, the Princess of Wales Hospital main entrance was going through a refit, which meant the loss of its newspaper shop.

Patients and visitors felt the loss but, one Thursday afternoon a volunteer at the hospital's main information desk had the bright idea to ring The GEM office in Cowbridge and ask if they could help by providing a few copies of The GEM for patients, until the newspaper shop re-opened.

Editor's note: It's our Local news is so pleasure Anne Marie!

Every Thursday a delivery of our newspaper is still brought to the foyer of the hospital and gratefully received. A very big thank you from the volunteers at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Anne Marie Winslade, Llantwit Major.

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JANUARY 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
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18 Fri	03.33	8.3	15.59	8.6
19 Sat	04.34	8.9	17.02	9.2
20 Sun	05.28	9.5	17.57	9.7
21 Mon	06.21	10.1	18.48	10.3
22 Tues	07.11	10.4	19.37	10.5
23 Wed	07.58	10.6	20.24	10.5
24 Thur	08.45	10.5	21.12	10.3

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# Porthcawl man jailed after Nantymoel robbery attempt

A MAN has been jailed for a 'ferocious' attack on a shop worker.

Matthew Welch, aged 26, of Porthcawl, was jailed for six years and five months at Cardiff Crown Court on January 3.

He pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit robbery.

The court heard Welch entered the Premiere Store, Dinam Street in Nantymoel on March 9, 2018 at around 8.15pm wearing a mask and carrying a wooden stick. He then jumped behind the shop counter and started hitting the shop worker in the head and upper body with the stick.

The attack moved from behind the counter where Welch continued



Matthew Welch.

to beat the shop worker; striking him so hard that his stick snapped in half.

The shop worker was able to fend off the attacker who then fled the scene.

The worker received bruising, bumps and swelling to the forehead, along with pain to his jaw and hairline.

He suffered with severe

headaches after the attack.

Detective Constable Neville Evans said: "This was a ferocious attack with a weapon on a lone shop worker. I would like to commend the bravery of the shop worker and say thank you to him and the community who provided vital information which helped ensure Welch's conviction."

"This sentence sends out a clear message that these offences will not be tolerated in Bridgend county borough and we will always work to ensure offenders are brought to justice."

Nigel Fryer, prosecuting, said: "David was off work for the next four months but she was taking part in dressage, cross country and showjumping competitions during that time."

A jury convicted her of fraud after hearing she took part in four show-jumping events on her seven-year-old gelding called

A HORSE-lover was ordered to repay more than £8,000 sick pay she defrauded from the NHS for chronic back pain after being found guilty on January 11.

Wales NHS hospital laboratory manager Elise David, 33, claimed she was in too much pain to work - but was caught on camera jumping over fences, on horseback, at four country events.

David went off on sick leave from her £49,000-a-year laboratory with back injuries and "cognitive deficiencies" after falling off her horse.

But she was described by a judge as "calculated, deliberate and dishonest" in making the bogus sick pay claims.

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A jury convicted her of fraud after hearing she took part in four show-jumping events on her seven-year-old gelding called

Caereau Freeway. David rode her horse at two events in Wales and two in the West Country at the time she claimed she had the chronic back pain.

Newport Crown Court heard David went to four equestrian events during her four months on the sick - but claimed she took her doctor's advice to do "gentle exercise" as a green light to continue horse riding.

David even underwent medical examinations "only a matter of days" after she was found to be competing at equestrian events.

Witnesses claimed David appeared to "shuffle" and said "her gait was timid" and walked with a stick at the occupational health examinations which determined whether she was fit to work.

David had contacted her employers in June 2016 at the Surgical Materials Testing Laboratory in Bridgend, south Wales, where she worked as quality manager to say she had

"injured her back and was struggling to walk". Mr Fryer said: "She called in on September 6 that year and stated

# Showjumping Wales NHS manager convicted of fraud



Elise David claimed the photographs of her showjumping may have been photoshopped. Image courtesy of Wales News Service.

she was still having difficulty walking and could not drive."

A colleague found her name on the British Eventing website, displaying results for 2016 and 2017.

David, who has no previous convictions, has a degree in pharmaceutical studies and a masters in clinical research.

She started her job in January 2015 on £49,000. She was accused of fraud between July and October 2016.

David told the jury: "At that time I felt well enough and I wanted to ride my horse."

The doctor said if I felt well enough, I could get back on the horse. "I didn't tell her I'd been on a horse since the first consultation because I didn't want her to get worried about me."

David, of Nottage, Porthcawl, denied fraud but was convicted.

She was handed a 12-week jail term, suspended for one year.

Judge Daniel Williams said: "You were employed as a quality manager and you were earning almost £50,000."

"You fell from your horse and claimed a sickness note. You claimed to be unfit to work for four months."

"During the four months you took part in four showjumping tournaments. That, I'm afraid, says it all."

David had appeared at occupational health examinations "shuffling" and with a "teetering gait" - despite having competed at equestrian shows only days beforehand.

Judge Williams condemned this as a "comical act".

He said: "That was quite a contrast to the photographs I saw of you towering over jumps on your horse. You were calculated, deliberate and dishonest."

David was ordered to complete 180 hours of unpaid work and must pay £8,216.71 compensation to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board as well as £2,500 in costs.

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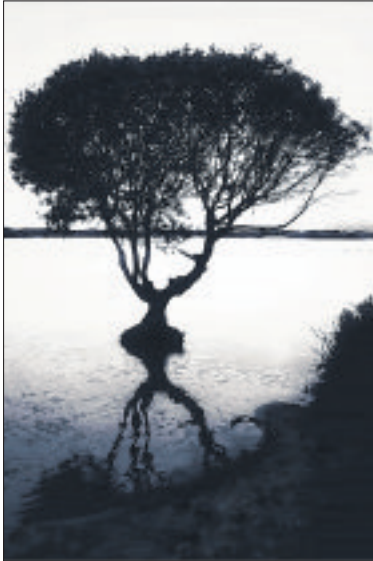
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## Photographic society looks ahead to a new year



THE Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society is making plans for another busy year of lectures, competitions and activities.

A spokesman said: "We're a very friendly camera club with a mix of male & female members and welcome new members of all ages and skill levels. It's all very informal. "So if you have an interest in photography why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton. CF36 5NR. Our programme is available at [www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk](http://www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk)

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## 'I want to go to graveyard where his ashes were scattered' Serbian man seeks answers on emotional trip to Pontypridd

**A SERBIAN man will travel in the footsteps of his grandfather when he visits south Wales this February.**

Three years ago, The GEM told the story of Slobodan Erdeljan who was desperate to find out what had happened to his grandfather Danilo Ljubenko who escaped from Belgrade during a civil conflict at the time of the Second World War and fled to the sanctuary of the UK.

Over the years, the family received infrequent letters and photos from Pontypridd – and then they stopped.

Mr Erdeljan and his family were anxious to find out what had happened to Mr Ljubenko.

People in south Wales saw the GEM story and got in touch with Mr Erdeljan.

They said his grandfather was known in Pontypridd as 'Danny' and he died in 1985 from an industrial disease after working as a miner.

Mr Erdeljan understands Mr Ljubenko stayed in a hostel when

he first arrived in south Wales and later lived as a tenant at Howell Street, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd.

Mr Erdeljan, aged 28, said: "My parents, but especially my grandmother, who died a few months ago, always wondered what happened to him.

"The thing is we've always been quite a modest family so we were never in a position to investigate or research what became of him, and where he might be.

"I now have my visa and will arrive in London on February 21. I am planning to visit Howell Street.

"I will try to research a bit during my visit. I am planning to visit places like the local church and library where I could find out something about him.

"I also want to go to the graveyard where his ashes were scattered."

Mr Erdeljan is a big football supporter and hopes to visit a couple of stadiums during his trip.

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Danilo Ljubenko sent this photo back to his family in Belgrade. It is dated June 4, 1949.



Slobodan Erdeljan's journey to Pontypridd this February will be an emotional one.

## Taxi fares are all set to change in county borough

**TAXI fares will change in Bridgend county borough this week after a new pricing proposal suggested by licensed drivers was agreed.**

A number of taxi drivers have argued that fares should be increased for the first time since 2011, due to the rise in cost of living, coupled with the cost of running their vehicles.

In October, after considering four alternative pricing structures put forward by drivers, cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) agreed with the option which had the most support from the trade.

The chosen option suggested that, for one to four passengers, the daytime 'pick up rate' which covers the first half mile of a journey should be raised by

30p to become £2.80 instead of £2.50. After this distance, the fares would increase by 20p every tenth of a mile as opposed to every eighth of a mile.

Fares would remain more expensive between the hours of 8pm and 6am, as well as on Bank Holidays and Christmas Day. Drivers were also keen for the soiling charge to increase to £125.

The proposal was advertised by the council in November as a public notice, giving local residents the chance to raise any concerns. The fare changes have now been approved and will come into effect from Monday, January 14.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, a member of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee which covers licensing matters, said: "Drivers were keen to see a slight fare change as they have been telling us that they face larger outlays before they can start to earn a living. However, it was important to strike a balance, bearing in mind that taxis should remain affordable for the public, especially those who depend on them.

"If you compare the taxi fares between all 370 local authorities across the country, Bridgend county borough is currently the 331st most expensive area to hail a taxi, at £4.90 for a two-mile journey. The most expensive fare can be found in Watford, where a two-mile journey costs £8.40.

"Under the new fare rate, a two-mile journey here will cost £5.80, which will put us in roughly the middle at 198th most expensive, which is still cheaper than the Vale and Cardiff."

All of the taxis, also known as hackney carriages, that are licensed by BCBC can be hailed from the street, operate from taxi ranks, or be pre-booked if required. Their pricing structures differ from those for private hire vehicles, which always need to be pre-booked and cannot be flagged down.

## Bridgend Quiz League results and teasers

**THE latest results** Roche 38.

**from Bridgend Quiz League** are as follows:

Mackworth Arms 42, Five Bells A 43; Crown Maesteg 48, Penybont AFC Nomads 44; Laleston Inn A 43, Tondy Railway Club 43; Prince of Wales Coychurch 46, Oddfellows Arms 38; Pheasant Gamekeepers 47, Laleston Inn B 44; Chatterton Shunters 46, Six Bells Clangers 50; Five Bells B 45, Cabo

Here are this week's teasers:

1. John and Kayleigh work and journey together in which BBC comedy programme?

2. In computing, what does DMA normally stand for?

3. Which controversial American played Waldo's dad in the 1994 film 'The Little Rascals'?

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Answers:  
1. Peter Kay's Car Share  
2. Direct Memory Access  
3. Donald J Trump.

## Porthcawl – St Sebastien Town Twinning news

**IT was a busy festive season for the Porthcawl Town Twinning Association.**

First, our craft fair held at Trinity Church raised funds for hosting our French friends this summer; then came our Christmas meal at the Hi Tide.

We were serenaded by the Catwg hand bell ringers pealing out our favourite Christmas

numbers. Their repertoire included a have-a-go spot, and it's not as easy as it looks. Following dinner, we sang Jingle Bells in French, 'Vive le Vent', and a highly original rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.

To find out what's on offer at your local twinning association this year, contact Ann on 01656 788027.

Paul Winstanley

## Youth charity looks for volunteers

**THE Pyle-based charity, KPC, are looking for volunteers to support their youth work provision during evenings and holidays at both Pyle and Cornelly centres.**

The roles would suit anyone who enjoys working with young people and ideally can bring some skills such as sports, music, hair and beauty, computers, dance, arts, or just

generally want to support and help develop young people as part of a team.

The centre also has vacancies to support the small on-site cafe during evenings and holidays and to help support adult unemployed attending the centre in the daytime with job searches and completing applications.

For further information, contact Alison on 01656 749219 or email [kpcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:kpcyouth@hotmail.com) for an application form.

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# The X2 bus service consultation has ended

**BUS operator First Cymru says that hundreds of people shared their thoughts and opinions regarding the proposed change to the Cardiff section of the X2 Cymru Clipper Service between Porthcawl and Cardiff during its six week consultation period, which ended last month.**

People were also invited to suggest improvements to the service as part of the first consultation into this service for 20 years.

A First Cymru spokesman said: "The consultation was launched to better understand the views of X2 service users and would-be users

to see what improvements they would like. The operator proposes to run from Culverhouse Cross via the A4232 to Cardiff Bay and the A470 (Lloyd George Avenue) towards the city centre.

"This would save an average eight minutes on each journey by no longer travelling via the A48 and A4161 Lansdowne Road, where few passengers get on or off and which, during peak times, is affected by congestion.

Marie Cronin, operations manager for First Cymru East, said: "We are now analysing what people have told us and we will publish a summary. While it is too early to predict the decision, it is expected that any changes to the service would be made in early

2019. We would like to thank everyone who's participated in the consultation."

The consultation was promoted through its digital channels and was covered by local media. To support the consultation and make sure X2 customers have ample opportunity to find out more about the proposed change and ask questions, First staff travelled on board the X2 service over a three-week period, during which time they spoke to customers, answered questions and collected around 250 completed questionnaires. An online questionnaire aimed at a wider audience attracted a further 150 responses over six weeks.

# Will you be the king, or the queen, of Coity Castle?

**THE Coity Castle Military Challenge (CCMC) takes place on May 11 and, say organisers, will be a fun morning for all the family while raising money for charity.**

This event is the brainchild of Sean Molino, a local man and director of Forces Fitness Ltd, and is a joint venture that also includes Coity Festivals and the Army Cadet Force.

Mr Molino, who served six years in the Welsh Guards, including four as a physical training instructor, said: "This event will be a fantastic way for all levels of fitness and ages to take part in physical training." The races will, he said, be "...challenging, exciting and most of all fun.

"We will have a 'Gladiator' fight stand for adults and children and also tug of war, but if training isn't your thing, or you're waiting for family and friends taking part, you can have a beer in the bar.

"It will be a great event, and 100 per cent of all profits will go to a fantastic cause - Velindre Cancer Centre."

Mr Molino said that Velindre was chosen by David Thomas and Richard Thomas, and will be donated to by



the Coity Festivals Group.

He added that Forces Fitness will ensure that 20 per cent of all profits from the race will be put back into the local area to be used on projects for residents, and managed by a team of local individuals and residents.

Activities will include the Gladiator fight ring, tug-of-war, airsoft, a military stand, and games and other activities for children, as well as refreshments, hot drinks, food stands, and a bar. Access to the castle will be a donation of your choice to our chosen charity that can be thrown in a donation bucket at the entrance.

Mr Molino said: "We are holding two races and all the family can

get involved. If you think you are up for the challenge that includes running, carrying a 20lb Bergen, pulling tyres, crawling under camouflage netting, and then beating our very own Castle Gate Guard to finish and pick up your medal."

Bernard Tiltman of Coity Festivals said:

"We are extremely pleased to enter into partnership with Forces Fitness to present an entirely new event for 2019 in Coity village.

"Coity Castle Military Challenge will provide a fun day for all ages whether as participants or onlookers. Its aim is to contribute to the health and well being of our community as well as raising money for local charities.

"We are hoping this event will add to our established programme of annual events in Coity such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spirits in the Castle at Halloween and the famous Jam in the Castle Indy music festival.

"As ever we are grateful for the support of Cadw, local businesses and the community to enable us to run these events."

For full details of the day, including a breakdown of all the activities and races, visit [www.forcesfitness.co.uk/services/coity-military-castle-dash-3](http://www.forcesfitness.co.uk/services/coity-military-castle-dash-3).

To find out more about The Coity Castle Military Challenge, contact [info@forcesfitness.co.uk](mailto:info@forcesfitness.co.uk) or visit [www.forcesfitness.co.uk/services/coity-military-castle-dash-3](http://www.forcesfitness.co.uk/services/coity-military-castle-dash-3), search for Forces Fitness on Facebook, or call Sean Molino on 07891 402326.

# Garden waste collections are set to restart in March

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has announced that its garden waste collection service will restart on March 18.**

Households who sign up will be supplied with two reusable bags for their garden waste together with details of when their bags will be collected. Any returning customers who don't need any new bags will just be sent a calendar showing when their collections will be made.

Cllr Hywel Williams, BCBC's Deputy Leader, said: "This convenient scheme is run with our recycling partners Kier and all of the garden waste collected in Bridgend county borough is taken to local firm Cowbridge Compost and turned into a compost fertiliser.

"Just over 4,250 homes signed up for the scheme in 2018, which was 668 more than in 2017. Over 650 tonnes of garden waste was recycled last year."

The easiest way to subscribe is

to do so online at <https://bridgend.kier.co.uk>. Fifty of the online applicants will be selected at random to receive a free service for 2019. Residents can also register and pay for the garden waste collection scheme by calling 01656 643643 and choosing option 2 for waste.

Garden waste can also be taken to the household recycling centres in Tythegston, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate and the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate in Maesteg.

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# Full STEAM ahead for Bridgend College?

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The proposals also include 168 new parking spaces for students and staff as well as an external service yard area next to the new engineering and motor vehicle workshops.

It is envisaged that the proposed building will generate an additional 1,000 students and an additional 60 members of staff.

With timetabling of lessons the college points out that all of the additional students and staff will not be accessing the site at the same time, saying there will be about 200 additional students at the campus per day.

The college says the existing buildings at Bridgend's Cowbridge Road campus, which are used for heavy engineering, electrical engineering and automotive engineering, are in poor condition and will be demolished to create space for further campus improvements, such as improved car parking facilities.

A later phase of the college's estates strategy involves



An artist's impression, subject to consultation and planning, of the new Pencoed STEAM building.

moving the Cowbridge Road site into the town centre.

The college points out that while a move into town would be suitable for some aspects of the college's educational provision, it would be inappropriate for heavy industry, construction, engineering and other elements of the STEAM curriculum.

The new building is intended to become the main reception building for the Pencoed

campus.

It will be built on land currently occupied by old greenhouses and potting shed structures which will be demolished.

Around 500 photovoltaic panels are proposed to be located on the roof and there will be six electric car charging parking bays provided.

The college states that the Steam Academy's location, next to the digital creative cluster located in Pencoed Technology Park, will develop closer working relationships between the college and companies nearby. The application number is P/18/1003/FUL.

Bridgend College CEO/Principal Simon Pirotte said 'We are continually evaluating our curriculum and campuses to ensure that we are preparing our learners for an ever changing job market.'

'In certain areas, we know there is a skills shortage and we need to respond to this challenge. We want our learners to progress to sustainable well paid employment. Our Association of Colleges Beacon Award win for Transferrable Skills demonstrates

our commitment to our learners and communities.

'Bridgend has a growing reputation in relation to manufacturing and technology with the area attracting key players such as Sony and CGI. The new build will include cutting edge technology and industry standard equipment.'

'Alongside the impact this will have on our FE curriculum, this investment will also build on our significant growth in our highly successful apprenticeship provision. Many employers and universities are keen to develop further partnerships on the back of this facility and the College's reputation.'

The college made no comment on the possible move to the town centre, but said a statement was likely "...in a few days".

GEM Staff/  
Liz Bradfield  
Local democracy  
reporter

## New shirts for a new year



IN new polo shirts sponsored by choir member Brian Thomas, the Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir returned after the Christmas break with more new members.

They are looking forward to their first major concert on St David's Day at the Cornelly Community Centre.

The choir is in demand this year, with at least one concert every month already booked, collaborations with other choirs from other parts of the UK and Ireland and a tour to Selby Abbey.

They also look forward to some joint concerts with their two youth choirs, Crescendo and Da Capo, who continue to flourish with their musical team of Kathryn Blight and Rhian Davies.

In January, they welcomed new accompanist Elisabeth Scourfield-Jones who will be a valuable addition to the talented musical team.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/KHMVC/ and www.kenfigwelshmalechoir.org.uk; contact secretary Tony Ulberini at tonyulberini@gmail.com or call 07866 742452.

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## Making Bridgend safer with Operations Avalanche, Chichester, and Clean-up

NEIGHBOURHOOD officers have been carrying out Operation Chichester during the past few months as part of a continued drive to tackle anti-social behaviour, drugs and crime in Bridgend town centre.



by Bridgend  
Chief Inspector  
Trudi Meyrick

The neighbourhood team have been providing a visible presence in the town centre to engage with the community and local traders. Officers have also been talking to the business community and other partners such as the local authority about ways to work together to tackle issues in the town centre.

As part of Operation Clean-up, officers from the neighbourhood team as well as community partnership officers are working together with the council and other organisations, to help provide a long-term solution to graffiti in the area.

While we have received recent feedback from traders that engagement and enforcement actions in the town centre have been positive, this work by officers will continue to make the area a more vibrant, safer and successful place to live, work and visit.

We know there are concerns regarding people congregating in the bus station. Officers have been carrying out work to gather an understanding

of those people's needs and identify services and support available for those who are vulnerable.

Operation Avalanche was carried out at the end of last year which saw 44 arrests for drug offences across Bridgend and the Vale. This operation disrupted drug supply in the town centre but I want to assure the community that tackling organised crime is a priority for us and we will pursue all information which is reported to us.

We rely on information and the help of the community to tell us about their concerns regarding drugs and other crimes. I would urge anyone who has any information to please have the confidence to report it to us so we can take action.

You can do so by calling 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## Police appeal after Pencoed Pool incident

POLICE were called to Pencoed Swimming Pool on Felindre Road at approximately 6.10pm on Saturday, January 12, following reports a car had been driven dangerously towards a group of children.

The driver of the vehicle was also reported to have shown the group a knife.

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "A

search of the area was carried out. However, no vehicle matching the description given was found.

"Enquiries are ongoing, and anyone who saw a black Corsa being driven in the area around the time of the incident, is asked to contact police."

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# Plans are revealed for 'wellness village'



An aerial view of the planned development (left) and (right) the proposed health centre. Artist's impression by Austin Smith Lord

## PLANS for 59 homes and a healthcare centre on the old Sunnyside council offices and magistrates court site in Bridgend have been submitted.

The development – called the Sunnyside Wellness Village – is a collaboration between housing association Linc Cymru and the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board.

The three-storey health centre involves a GP practice, formed by the transfer of services from Ashfield Surgery and Newcastle Surgery, a pharmacy, a specialist dentist unit and a car park with 66 spaces.

The proposals include a mix of two, three and four-bedroom terrace homes as well as a small terrace of one and

two-bedroom bungalows, designed for people with disabilities.

The site also includes a three-storey apartment with one and two-bedroom flats.

The local health board's services include an audiology centre and community and out of hospital services, with sexual health, podiatry and ophthalmology clinics.

Further facilities involve a minor operations room, a group therapy room, speech and language therapy, and paediatric services.

The dental surgery will be for patients who are obese, with phobias or who have additional needs.

Vehicular access will be provided from Glan-y-Parc and Sunnyside Road, as well as a proposed new access from Angel Street, to the south.

Part of the site gained planning consent for the development of a carehome in 2015 but it was never built due to the lack of demand for carehome provision.

The consent, which runs for another two years, relates to the former council offices only, rather than including the magistrates court site.

Linc Cymru says that depending on what happens with the registrar's office at Ty'r Ardd on the north of the site, it plans to add further housing there.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is looking at moving the registrar's office into the council's civic offices after an increase in the number of wedding cancellations was put down to building work taking place on the Sunnyside site.

The Sunnyside site was purchased by Linc Cymru in March 2017 along with

the magistrates court which has recently been demolished.

The Welsh Government has committed £60m to a Health and Housing fund which supports schemes jointly promoted by health boards, local authorities and housing association sectors.

Linc Cymru and ABMU says the site layout is driven by the opportunities for "encouraging physical activity and social interactions".

The planning statement highlights the central communal courtyard space and the "large green public open space with space for communal growing opportunities for the local community and natural play".

Over the summer, two public meetings were held in Bridgend on the plans.

In the application's planning statement, Linc Cymru states: "It was made

clear at both events that although there was some support for the proposals, a clear level of opposition to the proposed development existed within the local community."

Concerns from residents living nearby included issues over car parking, traffic, access, future residents and the loss of trees.

The statutory deadline for comments on the plans is January 11 but BCBC has said it will consider representations up until the application goes to committee.

It is likely to go before the February or March development control committee.

The application number is P/18/983/FUL.

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# Search for descendants of World War One POWs 100 years after their repatriation

A Penarth historian is searching for the descendants of 46 Penarth men who were taken as prisoners of war during the First World War and who were repatriated just over 100 years ago.

Bruce Wallace, who comes from Penarth, but now lives near Carmarthen, has been researching the lives of the men after discovering his grandfather's name on a list of repatriated prisoners which appeared in the press a couple of years ago.

The list was on the menu card for The Penarth Repatriated POWs Welcome Home Dinner, hosted by the local council in the Queen Restaurant, 1 Royal Buildings, Windsor Road (now the Etc Restaurant) on March 11, 1919.

Mr Wallace said: "Until I saw the menu card, I wasn't even sure my grandfather had been a POW; it was just a family rumour. The card contained the names

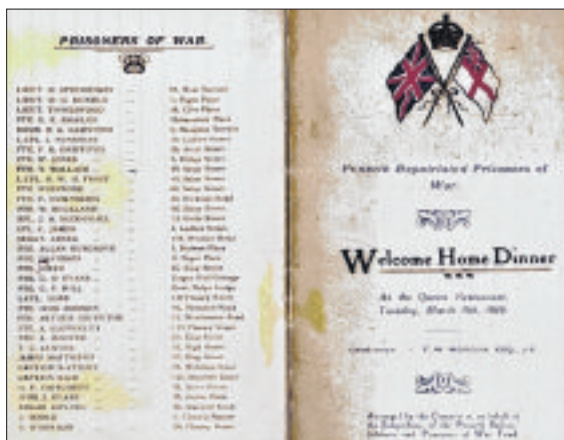


Thomas Wallace.

and addresses of 35 repatriated POWs and my grandfather, Tom Wallace of 49 Salop Street, was one of them. I am grateful to Dorothy Foulkes for providing a copy of the menu card.

"Since then, I have located my grandfather's POW file online and built up a picture of his journey from the trenches at Monchy (Arras) in France to Dulmen Camp in Germany. He spent the last 15 months of the war there with over 5,000 other prisoners.

"I do not know how it affected my grandfather but just a month after the 1919 dinner, he got married to Phoebe Anne



The names of the released and repatriated men. For a better image, visit [www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk](http://www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk).

Jackson. She must have worked hard to make a normal life for him because together they successfully raised a family, and Tom lived well into his 70s."

Mr Wallace has also acquired the text from articles that appeared in the local press between 1914 and 1919 which relate to POWs.

Many of the newspaper articles refer to

POWs having received food and clothes parcels from Penarth, via the Red Cross. More than 4,000 of these were provided by the Penarth Parcels for Prisoners of War Fund, started by Catherine Meazey, who was later assisted by her husband Jonathan Meazey and their daughter.

Some of the returning POWs said that but for these parcels, they would not have survived their internment.

Among the 46 Penarth residents known to have been POWs were 31 soldiers, five Royal Navy men, one RAF pilot and four civilians; the status of the other five is unknown. Nine of the men came from Plassey Street and Salop Street in Penarth.

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\*For the full text of this piece, and the names and addresses

# Vale Photographic Club's exhibition opens in Cowbridge



**AFTER a break for Christmas and New Year we were back at Ystradowen community hall, this time for a travelogue presentation by our very own Pamela Lewis, ably supported by husband Cled.**

The show was in two parts, Myanmar (Burma) and India. It never ceases to amaze me how adventurous these two are, going to far-flung corners of the world that I consider beyond my capability. It was an excellent evening. The colours and sights in the presentation brightened up an otherwise dull January day.

The second presentation of the month by Johnnie Rogers explained all about the 'Magic of Monochrome'. After a while taking photographs it becomes clear that removing the distraction of colour can often make a stronger image.

However, there is more to it than simply desaturating the colour using phone apps. Johnnie helped us all understand what it is that is needed to get the most out of a monochrome image.

So what do we have to look forward to in the coming weeks? Well, we have an Image Clinic to which you can bring images that you think are good, but could do with a little something to take them up a step.

Other members will give their thoughts on what could be achieved with a few tweaks to maybe lift them to Welsh Salon standard or higher. Why not make it your New Year's resolution to make better pictures – come along and see how we can help.

Later in the month we'll have one of our favourite evenings, Three In Harmony, where the object is to present three images that together tell a story or simply enhance the pictorial

impact by complementing each other in a visually pleasing manner.

Finally, it is worth pointing out that our annual exhibition of members' prints is currently open at Old Hall in Cowbridge for the whole of January. This is a chance to see the range of styles of our members.

Please check opening hours of Old Hall, unfortunately it's rarely open at weekends. As always, more information is available on our website, [www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk](http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk) and you will always receive a warm welcome if you want to attend one of our meetings on Fridays at 7.30pm in Ystradowen community hall.

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# End of the line - or a rebirth - for Ford?

**THE death of diesel – even though no diesel units are made at the plant – the (planned) departure of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), the downturn in demand (China and North America), or Brexit, or any combination of these four and more besides have been blamed for the woes of Ford's Bridgend engine plant over recent years.**

History tells us that long before an EU referendum was on the cards, JLR was to move engine production to a new plant in Wolverhampton by 2020.

The scandal over the Deutschlanders' dodgy diesel data has had a knock-on effect throughout the industry, while demand in Communist People's Republic of

China, once so buoyant, has seemingly taken away a big chunk of JLR's revenue and thereby demand for engines, which had anyway been built on a "just-in-time" basis.

Job losses of some 1,000 have been bandied about, but what is to be done, and who should do it?

Politicians in the area have been quick to say "something must be done". Labour advises that the Welsh Government is doing something, but has not revealed what, while the Conservatives are asking for "... more detail" about what is being, or may be, done.

Ogmore's AM Huw Irranca-David and MP Chris Elmore (nothing, at the time of writing, received from Madeleine Moon or Carwyn Jones, Bridgend MP and AM respectively) said "... And so, The GEM

approach to help protect the many highly skilled jobs in Bridgend and to secure a sustainable future for the plant".

Detail on what the "proactive approach" might constitute was, however, missing from the duo's statement.

Conservative AM Suzy Davies AM would also like to know. She said that because large amounts of taxpayers' money has been invested in the plant, it is "... right we know about how Welsh Government has been working with Ford."

She continued: "The Economy Minister said that Welsh Government would only support Ford if 'five years sustainable and secure employment' was guaranteed. We need to know how hard Welsh Government has pushed Ford to keep those promises." And so, The GEM

analyst Hayley Pells, of Bridgend's Avia Autos, for her expert opinion...

"As demand drops for the older-style gas-guzzling engines, the JLR contract ending this 2019 might prove to be superb timing for the Ford plant to be well placed for the Ineos development for a new off-road vehicle [Projekt Grenadier], if the Welsh Government can assist the plant to gain the agility it would require facilitating such a change. "Land Rover dropped the Defender line in 2016, but the astonishing pre-sales for the Suzuki Jimny demonstrates real appetite for a capable off-road machine."

"I agree with Mrs Davies that as the whole thing has taxpayers' money invested into it, then it should have greater transparency." The announcement of the highly-anticipated partnership between

Ford Motor Co and Volkswagen may also have an impact on the Bridgend plant.

"Speculation that the new alliance will first focus on electric and driverless technology may not be great news for the plant to convert to EV [electric vehicle] technology as Volkswagen already has substantial infrastructure in place. "The Ford-VW alliance is an interesting move in the automotive industry, and Herbert Diess, CEO of VW, sees unity as a path to more efficient manufacturing, research and development."



## Tough talk from Bridgend Council over Ford fears

**THE Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said the local authority will "mobilise all its resources" to help any employees affected by redundancy after the "very worrying" news that Ford in Bridgend could cut 1,000 jobs.**

On January 11, sources said the engine plant, which makes petrol engines for Ford vehicles and other car firms, including Jaguar Land Rover, would be hardest hit in plans which involve a total of 1,150 job losses in the UK.

Speaking at a council meeting on January 14, Cllr David said: "It's very worrying news from Bridgend Ford – it's our biggest private sector employer."

"We stand ready to do whatever we need to do to support that plant."

"We will mobilise all our resources to help any employees affected by redundancy."

"Obviously, we will work very closely with Welsh Government and UK Government because the type of support and intervention that would make a difference to Bridgend Ford would come primarily from them."

Interim chief executive Mark Shephard told councillors there

was a problem with the lack of clarity over the plant's future.

He said: "There isn't yet official notice of job losses – there are mixed messages."

"In terms of direct intervention in Ford it would probably have to be Welsh Government or UK Government."

"We have a 'redundancy response team' which we have used in the past, for example with Sony and Kraft, where we liaise with other agencies like Welsh Government and Careers Wales to provide all the support we possibly can to help people into new jobs."

He added: "The scale of this is very significant."

"It's really about deploying our resources with other agencies – there is a history of doing this previously but perhaps not on quite the same scale."

It is understood there are plans for two phases of cuts at the Bridgend plant, achieved by 2021.

Ford has given no details about job losses in the UK but has said it is starting consultations with unions to implement a "comprehensive transformation strategy".

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said the news was "devastating" and was far wider than Ford with ancillary industries such as catering and supply chains also affected.

Cllr Cheryl Green, chairman of the corporate overview and scrutiny committee, said that if the job losses did take place there should be a case for the county to be treated as having a special status when it came to deciding on the location of projects funded under the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

She said: "If it does happen it will be devastating not just for the people directly employed but all those who supply services and goods."

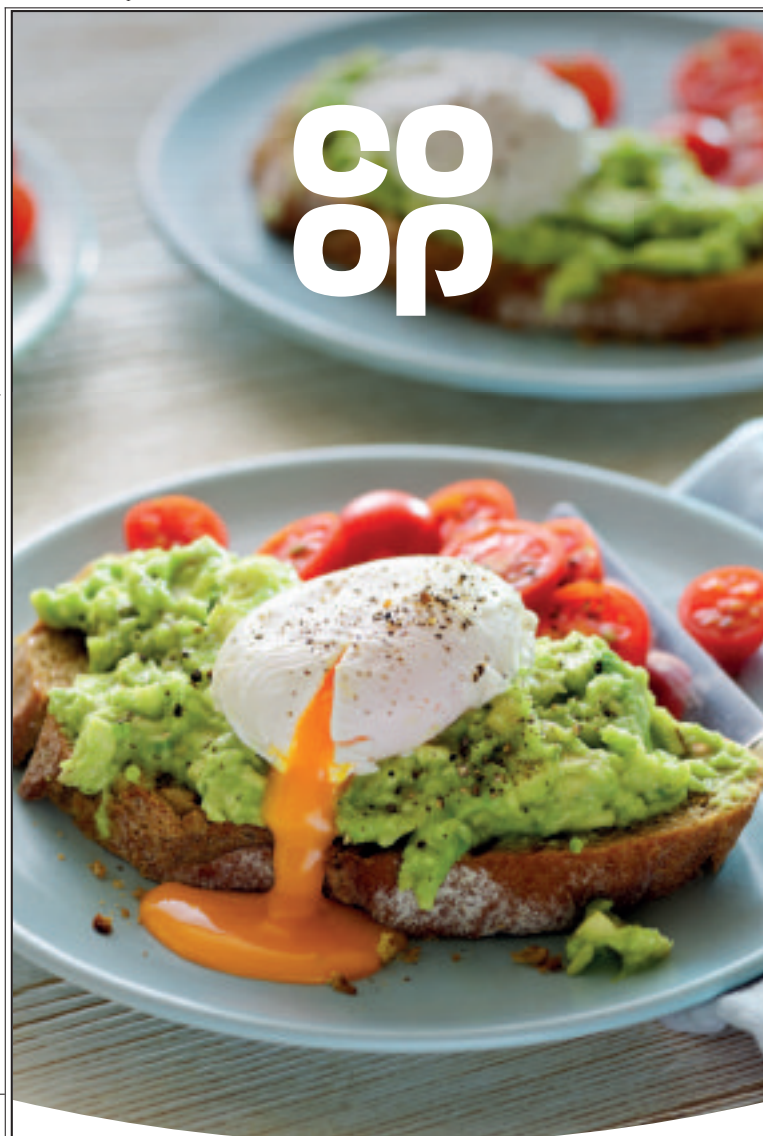
"It's going to be like a bomb."

"We've been here before with Sony which was devastating – we want to learn from the past and see what we can do now to offset the impact."

"We are not going to offset 1,000 well-paid jobs but if we could be treated as a specialist case it would help."

Cabinet members were responding to a question asked by Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas during the corporate overview and scrutiny committee over what was being done to try and support the plant in Bridgend, and maintain as many jobs as possible.

**Liz Bradfield (Local democracy reporter)**



## Opportunities galore at GVS' Big Volunteering Fair in Barry

**LOCAL community organisations will be teaming up with Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) to offer volunteering opportunities on Wednesday, January 23 from 10am-2.30pm.**

GVS, together with more than 50 voluntary organisations will come together at Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate volunteering by holding a volunteer recruitment event. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk directly with volunteering providers about their exciting opportunities.

More than 400 individuals from the local community attended in 2017 to explore volunteering opportunities.

GVS' Operational Manager Paul Warren said: "We want to extend an open invitation to the public to make a difference in the Vale through volunteering. If you have a free hour a week or one day a month and would like to find out more about volunteering, please come along to our event in January."

Volunteering is a great opportunity for people looking to build confidence, improve their CV, meet new people, gain new experiences and help their community.

Contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email [volunteering@gvs.wales](mailto:volunteering@gvs.wales) or visit [www.gvs.wales](http://www.gvs.wales).

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# 'Facts not fiction' urges NFU Cymru President

**DRYNUARY and Veganuary are in full swing, and reportedly more popular than ever.**

Drynuary is often the easiest to achieve: dry white wine, dry cider, dry London gin, a dry Martini...

Veganuary, however, is a different matter, although vegan food is increasingly popular, especially paired with a rack of Welsh lamb.

Joking aside, farmers are, reported NFU Cymru, becoming "increasingly frustrated" at the attempts of individuals and activist groups using what it described as "misinformation and inaccuracies" to tarnish the industry's good reputation, according to NFU Cymru.

NFU Cymru

president John Davies made the call last week when speaking at the NFU Cymru Brecon & Radnor County Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanellwedd, Mid Wales, an area synonymous with the production of world leading PGI Welsh Lamb and Beef.

As part of his address to members, the NFU Cymru president stressed that consumers should be able to make purchasing decisions based on the facts around the production of red meat and dairy, rather than being misled by the fiction cooked up by those whose agenda seeks to undermine the good reputation and high standards of the Welsh farming

industry.

This was echoed by local farmer Abi Reader of Goldsand Farm in Wenvoe.

The GEM asked her for her thoughts, and here she shares them with readers:

Veganuary, in my view, should be a celebration of seasonal British fruit and vegetables that we can grow in this country.

There will always be a small caveat to import some 'luxuries' from overseas which we all like to eat – at this time of year I'm particularly thinking of oranges and nuts.

Unfortunately, the reality is that Veganuary is a campaign by animal rights activist extremists to smear farmers names and reputations. And I'll admit the war is ugly in both sides with extremists and angry farmers locking horns.

I have very little interest in engaging with either side, but still myself and others are prey for these extremists and being called a murderer, rapist and kidnapper has become a weekly occurrence.

I absolutely object to anyone, especially those who have never

set foot on a British farm, declaring I do not look after my animals.

My livestock are my pride and joy; for them everything comes first, whatever they need.

Even in its simplest sense, an unhappy animal will never make money, so it's not in any farmer's interests to have bad welfare.

As a country, we have some of the highest standards of animal welfare in the world. Not only should we be proud of this, we could keep pushing higher and higher.

There's nothing wrong with questioning animal welfare standards; if we didn't we would never improve, but do it in a civilised and respectful manner.

Here in Wales, the main crop we can grow, in this climate on this soil, is grass.

If I could grow these specialist crops like almonds and soya at a commercially viable scale, I would. What I can grow is grass, in abundance.

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If anyone is concerned about where their local food comes from, my farm participates every year in Open Farm Sunday, a free event where we throw our gates open for you to see what we do. This year it is on June 9. Please come and talk to us.

AJ/AR



Abi Reader with some of her divas.

## What's on and where – news in brief

**Messy Church Bonvilston**  
MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, January 20 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until about 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers, with their parents). There will be fun activities for all of the family, lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments. Further information from Rev Lee

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## New president elected for Glamorgan FUW



FUW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders (left) with newly elected FUW Glamorgan County President Lorraine Howells.

A GLAMORGANSHIRE beef and sheep farmer, Lorraine Howells, who took early retirement from teaching at the local comprehensive school in 1997 to devote more time to farming, has been elected as the FUW's Glamorgan county president.

She served as the Union's Glamorganshire county vice chairman from 1989 to 1991, county chairman from 1991 to 1995 and was elected as south Wales member of the central finance and organisation committee in 2000 before being elected vice president in June 2011.

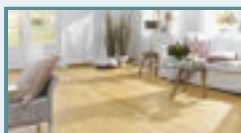
Glamorgan FUW CEO Rachel Saunders said: "On behalf of our members, I would like to congratulate Lorraine on being elected as our new county president. She takes over the role from former county resident John Llewellyn, who passed away in March 2018.

"Lorraine is known by many, not just through her work with the FUW but also through her role as president of the Welsh Black Cattle Society. Her successful and renowned butchers shop 'Cig Mynydd Cymru', which she set up with five fellow breeders in the Rhymney and Merthyr Valley, is testimony to her commitment to the farming industry and we look forward to continue working closely with her."

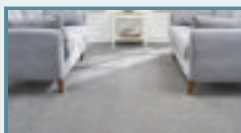
Lorraine runs Cwm Carno Farm, Rhymney, a hill farm extending to 320 acres mostly of reclaimed opencast land with common grazing. The farm is now run in partnership with Lee Pritchard. Cwm Carno farm carries a suckler herd of pedigree Welsh Black cattle and South Wales Mountain ewes and has been in the family for over 100 years.

Lorraine said: "I am very honoured to be voted into the role and look forward to supporting the FUW's efforts in the county."

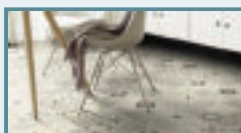
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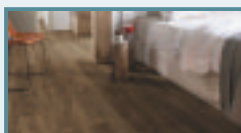
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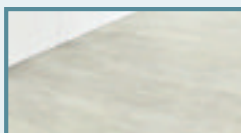
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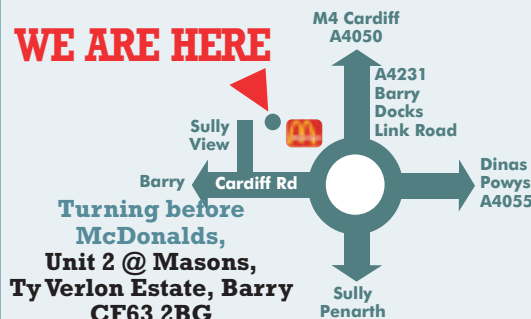


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## Warm winter confusing bees – News from the Fonmon Apiary

IT is all quiet at the Fonmon Apiary as the single figure temperatures have put a stop to any external activities.

However, should the temperatures rise to double figures and we have rain-free days, the ladies of each colony will be out and about looking to use any early sources of nectar and pollen. Snowdrops are already in bloom and the catkins and celandines will not be too far behind.

Each of the colonies had sufficient stores put by to see them through the winter months, but due to the very mild conditions and the bees being ever active, a great deal of those winter stores will have been consumed.

The beekeeper must now be alert and ready to give additional supplies such as sugar dough or liquid sugar, but again the temperatures have to be taken into account.

If there are single figure temperatures, the bees will not readily avail themselves of the stores on offer and getting it right is a must!

A winter colony will cease activity from around November until March. Normally, external activity should cease and demands on the stored food will be very low, so there will be no need to give supplemental feeding.

However, things are far from normal and all of this is very confusing to those who are new to the beekeeping art.

Another element, which is apparent to those of us who monitor the colonies for Varroa mite numbers, is the continuing reproduction cycle of the mites throughout the winter months; this should not be occurring at all.

When the winter tray debris is examined, it should only reveal dead dark brown adult mites. My observations and counting sessions are revealing quite a number of immature (white) mites, and this is proof that things are not as they should be.

Queen bees should not be laying over the winter period, so why are there immature mites? They can only exist if a queen bee is continuing to lay eggs. These eggs will become larvae, and these larvae will provide the conditions for the Varroa adult to multiply. Sealed larvae will eventually become bees and chew their way out of the cell.

The reproducing mites will also exit the cell along with the new bee, and often the bee is ready to emerge before the mites reach adulthood (dark brown colour), hence the white mites I am finding.

Are the bees adapting to climatic changes?

Harold Williams

## Group's war talk

WORLD War One is remembered for many reasons but not usually for its humour.

And yet despite the constant shelling, appalling conditions and the weather, the men in the trenches were able to laugh at the cartoons depicting their lives on the Western Front.

The most recognisable of these was 'Old Bill', a creation by Bruce Bairnsfather. Lieutenant Bairnsfather took part in the Christmas Truce

of 1914, almost losing his recent promotion as a result.

This presentation by Barry at War Group member Rosemary Chaloner will also look at the impact on morale of the men and officers through the famous 'Wipers Times', an ironic and satirical magazine first published in a disused cellar near Ypres in 1916.

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# Cabinet member claims school investment will 'revolutionise education'

**I'D like to start this article by wishing all Vale residents a sincere, if slightly belated, happy New Year.**

2019 promises to be an exciting 12 months for the Vale, with a number of high-profile projects in the pipeline, which is particularly true in my area of responsibility as Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture, as our 21st Century Schools programme continues apace.

Schools across the county are currently benefitting from an 'unprecedented level of investment' from this collaboration between the Council and Welsh Government.

A figure of £31 million was spent on Band A of the scheme, which will increase markedly during the next phase as we strive to revolutionise nursery, primary, secondary, faith and special education in the Vale.

In total, £144 million has been earmarked for this part of the project, demonstrating a real and substantial commitment from the Vale Council to raise educational standards across the county.

Band A covered six

projects, including a new Welsh medium school, Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg, opened in Barry. Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant was expanded, remodelled and resurfaced and Oak Field Primary received a new two-story school with innovative learning areas.

Llantwit Major has a new Welsh medium primary school as well as the creation of Llantwit Learning Community, a large campus in the middle of the town made up of a new primary school and a remodelled comprehensive school with significantly upgraded facilities.

The Penarth Learning Community has also been established, involving the creation of a mainstream school boasting ultra-modern facilities in the town and the opening of Special Educational Needs school, Ysgol y Deri.

Colcot Primary in Barry is another building that underwent major refurbishment. The next raft of improvements are already under way, with plans announced for a new Welsh-medium primary school for Barry Waterfront alongside extensive improvement



**Councillor Bob Penrose.**

and expansion works at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

Welsh Government has altered the intervention rate for the 21st Century Schools project, meaning they will now pay 65 per cent of the costs towards work carried out on non-faith schools, when previously there was a 50/50 split with the local authority.

Seventy five per cent of funding for schools catering for pupils with additional learning needs will also now come from Welsh Government, who will pay the same proportion towards Pupil Referral Units.

The reduction in council contribution has meant the money saved can be spent on expanding the scope of certain projects, while

the authority's purse has also been boosted by around £11 million.

Pencoedre High School and St Nicholas Church in Wales School will both undergo total rebuilds instead of the originally-intended redevelopments, and a greater number of children with Additional Learning Needs can be accommodated at Ysgol y Deri.

The plans include a new and expanded Centre for Learning and Wellbeing, which will adopt a therapeutic approach to help those children that use it and replaces the previously proposed centre for behavioural excellence.

There will also be extensive further investment in primary provision across the county, with detailed plans to be revealed in the near future.

I hope you are as excited at the impending work to our schools and share my optimism at the benefit and opportunities it can offer the next generation.

**Cllr Bob Penrose, Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture.**

## St John is looking for new members

**HOW many of you have not made a new year's resolution yet? Do you have some spare time on your hands? Are you over 18 and would you like to learn some life skills and meet new people?**

St John Ambulance, Llantwit Major has 17 members, all with different skill levels. It is holding an open evening on Monday, January 21 from 7pm-9pm at Our Lady and St Illtyd Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, CF61 1TQ. Why not come down for a chat and see what it does?

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## Vale MP welcomes candidate selection for assembly election

**LEFT: Alun Cairns and Ross England.**

**VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed news that the Vale of Glamorgan Conservative Association has picked Ross England to be the Tory candidate at the 2021 Welsh Assembly election.**

Mr England secured the highest ever share of the vote for the Conservatives in the Vale of Glamorgan at an Assembly election in 2016, losing to Jane Hutt by 777 votes.

Mr England, a friend and colleague of Mr Cairns, has previously worked with the MP to tackle issues such as 'traveller' encampments and high street parking charges. His priorities include pushing for a Dinas Powys by-pass and securing a new formula for local authority funding that will no longer 'disadvantage the Vale of Glamorgan'.

Mr Cairns said: "It

will be a pleasure to campaign with Ross England for fair funding for the Vale local authority, more small business rate relief and an end to excessive development targets. The Labour Welsh Government is not delivering for the Vale of Glamorgan - it's long been clear that we get a raw deal compared to other parts of Wales. It's time we had a Vale AM who will stand up for the local community in Cardiff Bay.

"Ross understands that the Welsh Government is at the root of many problems in the Vale of Glamorgan, ranging from the reduction in bus services to year-on-year council tax rises, from building on our green spaces to crippling business rates; and he has the determination to push those issues to the forefront in the Senedd."

"His selection as the Welsh Conservative candidate here is great news for the Vale."

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# Another fine mess? Stan & Ollie is anything but...

**WHILE there have undoubtedly been many comedy duos who have captured the public's consciousness, the most indelible are certainly Laurel and Hardy.**

The pair were a gigantic success together, and their story is certainly one worthy of the silver screen they used to adorn. However, Jon S Baird's *Stan & Ollie* focuses not on their glory days, but instead as the pair were on the way down.

In Britain, playing to variety halls, Stan (Steve Coogan) and Ollie (John C Reilly) are contemplating an uncertain future, but are buoyed by the shows' successes.

However, health issues and tensions from the past threaten to tarnish the pair's relationship...

There are many roles

to the biopic, and perhaps the one that creates the most impact is that there is more dramatic juice in the fall than in the rise. *Stan & Ollie* follows this rule; rather than showing the pair in their pomp (although we get flashbacks to times when things were more rosy, notably a gorgeous tracking shot that opens the film) this shows them, if not at rock bottom, then certainly hovering around that particular area.

What it creates is a story, and a film, that is both a warm paean to the magic they created, yet also a touching tale about what happens when calls are not returned and careers are missing, presumed dead.

A film like this stands or falls on the central performances, and both Steve Coogan and John C Reilly are magnificent. Make-up and prosthetics can cover the shortfall between actor and



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character, but both men indelibly bring not just the public faces of the duo to life, but the men behind the image.

Coogan's Laurel is the studious, determined one, aiming to get a new film for the pair off the ground, constantly working on jokes and ideas and driving the pair forward, while Reilly's Hardy is suffering

from health worries, determined the show will go on.

What tears at the pair's relationship throughout, to varying degrees, is the fact that the latter made a film without the former (the, quite literal, elephant in the room), and while buried it's never been forgotten, and here's where the dramatic drive of the film lives.

Behind every good man is a good woman, and here there are two: Shirley Henderson as Oliver's wife Lucille and Nina Arianda as Stan's wife Ida. Lucille is a former script editor, Ida a former dancer who starred in a Preston Sturges film and won't let anyone forget it, and their gentle sniping at each other adds another layer to proceedings; their performances, along with Rufus Jones as the pair's booking agent, are superbly essayed.

Jon S Baird's direction doesn't attempt to be anything overtly showy (that opening tracking shot aside) but it is beautifully subtle and firmly places the performances and story to the forefront.

Baird marshals the film with quiet, calm control and it's all the better for it.

Certainly the film's biopic nature means that there are a few moments that feel a little too neatly staged, but on the whole this is a work that, driven by superb performances, is brilliantly constructed and hugely pleasing to watch - *Stan & Ollie* is a wonderful effort.

**VERDICT** - While the subjects are larger than life, the biopic itself is superbly low-key, and *Stan & Ollie* is a triumph because of it. A brilliant portrayal of the great comedy duo, and the issues they worked through; the performances from all involved are fantastic, and it adds up to a superb effort. Recommended.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Chaplin* (1992), *Me and Orson Welles* (2008).

## What's on and where in your area - news in brief

### Ward councillors' surgery

**THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, January 19 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.**

**Councillors' surgery**  
**LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, January 19 from 9.30am to 11.30am.**

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

### Messy Church

**MESSY Church is back at All Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, on Sunday, January 20 from 4pm to 5.30pm.**

There will be a range of craft activities and games for all ages on the theme of 'True Family', followed by a short time of worship and a cooked tea for all. Admission is free, although donations are welcomed. For more information, visit [www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk](http://www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk).

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# Starting the new year with a Valeways Guided Walk



**THERE** was a great turnout for the first strollers meeting of 2019.

Two year olds mixed with "slightly" more

## The 'best of the best' in Stanwell music concert

**THE winners of the annual 'Music in the Vale' competition will be performing later this month at Stanwell School, Penarth.**

The concert will take place at 2pm on Sunday 27 January.

Entry is £5 (all money raised will go to the promotion of this annual competition for young vocalists and instrumentalists).

A spokeswoman for Music in the Vale said: "November's competition, which attracted the highest number of young talent in the 29 years it has been running, was of a very high standard, so this concert will be very much worth attending."

Further information may be obtained from [www.musicinthevale.org.uk](http://www.musicinthevale.org.uk) - tickets may be purchased at the door on the day.

elderly walkers as all sought to walk off the Christmas excesses. Christmas bobble hat gifts were in abundance, but all agreed that Pam's bobble outdid the rest!

The walk circumnavigated the entire park and was the longest the group had attempted. But with plenty of opportunities to admire the scenery, rest and chat, the walkers easily completed the challenge.

A recent article in the newspaper celebrated the walking achievements of an octogenarian from Edinburgh. Jim Snodgrass was prescribed regular walks by his doctor to improve his health. He had a series of serious health problems including cancer, hearing loss and a heart bypass, but after taking his doctor's advice to walk, he racked up more than 1,000 miles in less than a year! He said: "One friend told me that I am the only person she knows who gets younger every year."

So... the Living With Cancer strollers group can't promise you an everlasting youthful appearance, or a 1,000 mile count on your step watch, but it can offer a friendly walk with a sociable group in a wonderful lakeside location.

Make it your 2019 resolution to join us for a stroll, on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am at Cosmeston information centre.

For more information visit the Valeways website [www.valeways.org.uk](http://www.valeways.org.uk) There was a great turnout for the first strollers meeting of 2019. **AS**

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**WITH** the need to reduce emissions in order to address the pressing issue of a changing climate, Topstak is playing a key role in the Woodsure Ready to Burn scheme.

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Woodsure, the government-backed scheme sets a benchmark for logs and other wood fuels in the UK to help identify wood that has been carefully chosen and ready to burn. The logo reassures consumers the fuel contains 20 per cent moisture to reduce smoke and PM2.5 particulate emissions, which contribute to air pollution.

Adam Pedersen, director at Topstak said: "Burning wet wood is inefficient as it demands a lot of heat to boil off the water before the appliance can give out the proper level of heat to the room, hot water or heating system. In



turn, this creates a lot of smoke which damages the chimney, blackens the appliance and contributes to air pollution. Dry wood that has been seasoned or kiln dried to a moisture content below 20 per cent means it produces fewer particulates, more heat efficiency and less maintenance - chimneys are also less likely to build up creosote deposits and will remain easier to sweep.

"The Ready to Burn stamp of approval reassures those who purchase logs with its logo that they comply with current standards.

"Currently our kiln dried wood fuel has a moisture content of around 14 per cent," he added. "We source

our roundwood from west Wales and this is processed at our facility near Cowbridge into 10" or 14" logs. The logs are then dried in a biomass kiln and delivered locally on our supply chain has a low carbon footprint.

"With air pollution a growing concern for many, we are working to educate consumers how they can reduce their emissions by switching from an open fire or old stove to a more efficient modern 'ecodesign ready' stove, and making sure they burn properly seasoned or dried wood."

Topstak is also registered with HETAS, the industry regulator, and the entire team is

trained to its stringent standards.

Adam said: "Being registered with HETAS is essential to us, as it's a guarantee of a high level of service to our customers. They are assured that their stoves are being installed by an experienced and reputable company and one which adheres to industry regulations."

Bruce Allen, CEO of HETAS said: "Stoves have become more sophisticated pieces of equipment, as manufacturers develop ways to make their appliances more efficient and cleaner burning. Even consumers accustomed to solid fuel appliances may need to refresh their knowledge when using a modern, advanced appliance. Topstak's continued support for HETAS is welcomed."

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Local community organisations will be teaming up with Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) to offer volunteering opportunities on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 from 10am – 2.30pm. GVS, together with over 50 voluntary organisations will come together at Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate volunteering by holding a volunteer recruitment event. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk directly with volunteering providers about their exciting opportunities. More than 400 individuals from the local community attended in 2017 to explore volunteering opportunities.

GVS' Operational Manager Paul Warren said, "We want to extend an open invitation to the public to make a difference in the Vale through volunteering. If you have a free hour a week or one day a month and would like to find out more about volunteering please come along to our event in January".



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- Sustainable and technical innovation.
- Access for people with special adaptations
- Small Domestic, Housing and Commercial projects



**BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS** who use the building regulation service of the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be attending the 16th Building Excellence Awards dinner, organised through the Building Control Group of the Council at The Vale Resort Golf Club, Hensol on Friday, January 18.

Nominations for the awards are made by the council's Building Control surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects as they progress on site, through to the completion of the work.

Victoria Robinson, Operational Manager for Planning and Building Control, says: "The nominations go to show yet again that there are several excellent examples of high-quality construction projects that have been undertaken within the Vale of Glamorgan. Ensuring that buildings are constructed in accordance with current building regulations, requires a very high standard of workmanship. The builders nominated this year have proven that they can meet this requirement. I hope we continue to build upon the success of last year's awards, with all who take part having the ultimate aim of getting to The National Awards, in London in November this year."

Head of Regeneration and Planning, Marcus Goldsworthy emphasises: "Development of any size impacts upon our surroundings and the day-to-day lives of all of us. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying, not only the customer needs, but also of meeting the terms of the legislation.

"The Building Awards will provide all those involved with well-deserved recognition for consistently carrying out work of a high standard.

"These awards are so important to recognise those builders and developers who are excelling and producing top quality schemes, which can compete on a national level.

"The awards also help those looking to appoint new contractors to focus on those builders and contractors who are considered to be the very best in their field."

#### COUNCIL'S THANKS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council would also like to thank all the sponsors of this event, without whom it would not be possible to recognise the builders and developers whose quality of work is making a positive difference to the environment of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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# VALE OF GLAMORGAN BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

## EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS



**Address:** 60 Lavernock Road, Penarth  
**Agent:** Mr Paul Rolley of Architecturol  
**Contractor:** Hobbs & Jones Ltd

**ERECTION of a rear single and two storey extensions, side first floor extension and front elevation alterations.**

The property is an existing detached house, which has been extended to the rear and front elevations by extending the lounge and creating an open plan cantilever kitchen/diner extension, the rear bedroom have also been extended and en-suites created.

The whole team approach including the builder and the agent, worked on the new design, enabling the clients requirements to be met with substantial cost savings.

Continued communication with Building Control was

kept throughout the progress of the scheme and a good working relationship has been formed over many years with the builder.

The completed scheme has created modern house with creative finishes, part of the exterior elevation being finished with cladding panels to create a modern look to a 50-year-old dwelling. The interior has also been finished to a high standard.



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**Address:** Cliffside, Penarth  
**Contractor:** Dave Roberts

**THE owner bought the property to find that unauthorised work had been carried out by the previous owner. Building Control were called in to give the owner and builder advice.**

Once some serious groundwork was completed the modification and extension of the property began in earnest.

The rear of the property has been extended by the creation of a new first floor and the addition of a bay window and balcony.

The front porch was underpinned and extended to form the new entrance to the property. The builder kept in contact with Building Control throughout the remedial work and construction phase which has resulted in a substantial house which is now fit for purpose.

The completed property has been well constructed and has resulted in an exceptional house.

**Address:** Archer Road, Penarth  
**Contractor/Agent:** Anthony Gibbons Design & Build

**THE proposal was to extend the rear of the 100 year old property by the addition of single and two storey extensions to the rear of the property.**

In consultation with the owners of the property the builder approached the Planning Department to adjust the architect's proposals to create a more practical and simplistic external appearance for the roof and rear elevation.

The builder has kept in touch with Building Control throughout the scheme and any problems have been resolved through negotiation and practical solution.

The house in addition to the extensions has been renovated throughout and many of the existing features have either been reinstated or enhanced.

The completed scheme has resulted in a modern property whilst maintaining the existing architectural features. The finished project is of an extremely high standard both inside and out.



## Anthony Gibbons

### Design & Build

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# VALE OF GLAMORGAN BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

## EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS

**Address:** Maillards Haven, Penarth  
**Agent:** 1010 Architects  
**Contractor:** Canter Davies Construction

**THE proposal is to construct a single storey workshop and living room extension to an existing house.**

The house was built in the 1980s and has stonework exterior. The Planning requirements insisted on the exterior wall finish is in accordance with the existing house.

The builder kept in contact throughout the scheme and this has resulted in an outstanding example of how to extend a property while maintaining the aspects of the existing property. The standard of work involved is extremely high.



**Address:** Hillside, Wine Street, Llantwit Major  
**Developer:** Kurt Jones

**AN excellent example of ergonomic, open plan design being at the forefront of the remodelling of this property giving a fresh, contemporary appearance by mixing traditional materials with modern.**

The open plan layout along with the vaulted ceilings has given this property a spacious feel while maintaining a homely presence.

Quality workmanship was evident throughout the build process, speed, rectification of faults and compliance were all positive attributes throughout.

The developer maintained a good working relationship with the Building Control section during both the design and construction period, keeping the department well informed at all stages.

The result of the building works has seen a complete transformation of the living space by providing this high quality built extension.



## NEW DWELLING



**Address:** Seathouse, Ogmore By Sea  
**Contractor:** Scimitar Homes  
**Agent:** Studio Walmsley Architects

**THIS was a replacement dwelling following a fire at the previous property with a design brief to maximise the location facing the beach and sea.**

The modern design included large sections of

exposed concrete, a floating style staircase and large glazed panels providing beautiful unobstructed views out to sea.

The contractor had to embrace several unusual methods of construction to ensure this build was delivered with a high standard of workmanship.

The contractor was exceptionally easy to deal with throughout each stage and an excellent working relationship was forged.

**Address:** Seawalls, Ogmore By Sea  
**Contractor:** A One Construction  
**Agent:** James Carter, Alan Barker

**THIS spectacular new build property truly delivers luxury modern living and breathtaking unobstructed views out to sea.**

Using a well balanced mix of glazing this property provides a striking building along the beautiful coastline.

The contractor was able to deliver the project with very little issues arising which is testament to the knowledge and competency of the team of tradesmen. The completed scheme has created a one off house of exceptional quality with examples of high standards of workmanship evident throughout. The relationship between the contractor and the department went from strength to strength throughout the build.



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## NEW DWELLING



**Address:** Foxes Hollow,  
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**Contractor:** M J Construction  
**Agent:** Barry Mayled, Homes &  
Garden Architecture and Garden  
Design

**THIS** house, designed by award  
winning architect Barry Mayled,  
with Scandinavian-inspired  
design features, blends beautifully

**into the picturesque village of  
Michaelston Le-Pit.**

The large expanse of roof, timber cladding and extensive use of glass combine to deliver a luxury modern house.

The house, despite its gargantuan size, has been built with efficiency in mind and includes photovoltaic panels to generate clean renewable energy, ground source heat pump and a rain water harvesting system.

Standing inside the house the large

uninterrupted glazed sections make the internal space run seamlessly into the adjoining gardens.

The roof design on this property is unique and acts as a canopy over the house, with the overhangs providing solar shading to the large glazed sections.

The roof was finished using beautiful Welsh slate to complement the surrounding properties and the natural environment.

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**PROPOSAL: New  
Dwelling**

This new three bedroom dwelling has been designed with a well balanced mix of glass and stonework.

Upon approaching Secret Garden, it sits beautifully within its surroundings, then from the rear you are struck by contemporary architecture.

The large glazed rear elevation offers captivating views of the secret garden and beyond into the rolling countryside.

The site being very confined meant the



contractor had to work considerably with the neighbours to be as little intrusive as possible while constructing a new dwelling.

The Blue Lias

stone was sourced locally and has been laid beautifully which highlights the high level of craftsmanship.

The team approach worked very well

throughout the project, both the contractor and architect maintained good contact with Building Control which helped deliver a quality building.

The developer ensured all health and safety aspects were complied with whilst keeping in constant contact with building control at all stages of construction.

## NEW CONVERSION



**Address:** West Aberthaw Farm  
**Contractor:** X-Stream  
Developments  
**Applicant:** Orbis Education &  
Care  
**Agent:** 1010 Architects

**CONVERT derelict barns into purpose built residential dwellings from Grade II listed buildings.**

These barns were in an unloved and derelict state, so for the developers it was an exciting challenge to create solutions to breathe a new lease of life into the buildings while maintaining and respecting the heritage and features.

The client, Orbis Education and Care, support children, young people and adults with a diagnosis of autism.

They provide specialist schools, community homes, respite care and now a newly opened community-based work-skills service called The Orb.

The team all went above and beyond to uphold the highest integrity in

workmanship and delivery.

The local authority building control department assisted and all who were involved, worked as a team, including Peter Thomas from the listed building office who was always available for advice.

William Griffiths site manager and Construction manager of X-Stream Developments was instrumental in finding solutions in terms of the complex detail of the project.



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## NEW CONVERSION

**Address:** Gileston Manor  
**Agent/Contractor:** Christopher Haines - Design and Build Project Services

### PROPOSAL: Conversion of barns to holiday lets.

The developer had to base the designs on strict planning constraints due to the listing of the whole development.

During the construction process the developer had not only to take care in preserving the envelope of the existing unit but also the existing landscape due to tree preservation orders.

In addition the internal layout was designed around the imposing entrance to ensure the heritage aspects of the scheme were promoted.

As this was a self build project it meant the site control and all aspects of the construction process were closely monitored.

A development team approach was employed between the owner/contractor, conservation officer, planning officer and the building control officer which was of a major benefit to the success of the build.



## NEW LARGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



**Address:** Golwg Y Mor, Rhoose (Taylor Wimpey phase one)  
**Contractor/Agent:** Taylor Wimpey

**THIS project involves the erection of residential units comprising of two, three, four and five-bedroom, both two and three-storey dwellings**

**with affordable housing and associated infrastructure.**

The finish has been a mixture of face brick and render which has complemented the surrounding area.

Phase one of this site has been under construction for around two years and has continuously maintained a high level of quality throughout.

The planning and management

of the project has meant that the local residents have experienced minimal disruption.

Health and safety during the build has been exemplary with many features going beyond the legal requirement.

There has been excellent communication between the site manager and Building Control with any defects being immediately rectified.

## Best partnership with a local authority building control team

**NOMINATIONS:** Jonathan Williams, C2J Architects, Ray Baker, Dennis Hellyar, Robertson Francis Partnership, Varco, Benjamin Harbron, Tony King Architects, Paul Rolley – Architectrol, Anderson and Associates, Ferrier & Co, KEW Architectural Design, Nigel Arnold Architects, DS Properties, Interior Architect Design, Meridian, Gillard Associates, MS Design, Cardiff Orangeries, Taylor Wimpey, 1010 Architects, Andrew Parker, Curtins Consulting, Ben Harbron, J.H Leeke and Sons, Reuben Evans.

**THIS recognises the best development team approach, long-standing relationship, or co-operative approach to problem solving Specific Criteria – The partnership must be an official partnership with LABC as part of our Partner Authority Scheme.**

There needs to be evidence that the partnership has developed beyond the 'normal' working relationship and continues to use LABC over an extended period of time. Entries should include information about the relationship with Local Authority Building Control - Length of partnership - Variety of projects - Innovative solutions developed by working in partnership - Strengths of partnership - Consistency of work - Value of partnership - New work gained from the partnership.

## Nomination for best site supervisor/construction professional

**RECOGNISES a specific person rather than an overall company.**

Nominations for this should be for a site manager that has stood out, by going above and beyond the call of duty, to ensure an outstanding working relationship with the local authority.

With a professional attitude, good communication skills and a "hands on" approach this candidate has been keen to get the local authority involved right at the start.

## Nomination for best local builder/tradesman

**THIS recognises good quality general builders or specialists in local craft skills.**

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## What's on and where - news in brief

**Cowbridge Art Society**  
ON Thursday, January 17,  
**Cowbridge Art Society starts**  
**its spring term with a visit from**  
**Arnold Lowry, who will be**  
**demonstrating in pastels.**

During this term, there will be demonstrations using pen and wash, watercolours and oils and a practical session in gouache resist techniques and an illustrated lecture on Modernism and Abstraction. The society welcomes artists of any level and non artists to lectures.

The group holds an annual calendar and art competition and holds social events. They meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm-9pm and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, visit [www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartsociety](http://www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartsociety) or [Instagram@cowbridgeartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/cowbridgeartsociety).

### Arthritis support

**DUE to the success of the monthly arthritis and support coffee and chat group, this will now be held weekly on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm-4pm, starting in February.**

It will take place at the Age Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. The sessions will cover a wide range of topics to include medication, exercise, Yoga etc. The group is geared to suit the needs of both carers and those suffering from arthritic conditions. No appointment is needed, just come along and join this friendly group. Call 01446 732385.

### Bridgend Sector PACT meetings

**OLDCASTLE PACT at the library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on January 17 at 6pm.**

Brynteg, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr PACT at Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on Thursday, January 17 at 12pm.

Newton PACT at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, January 29 at 6.30pm.

Brackla PACT at the Community Centre, Whitethorn Drive, Brackla on Thursday, January 31 at 6.30pm.

Rest Bay & Nottage PACT at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, February 12 at 8pm.

Litchard, Pendre & Coity PACT at Litchard Mission, Litchard on February 14 at 7pm.

Porthcawl East Central PACT at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on

Tuesday, February 19 at 6.30pm.

Cefn Glas, Llangewydd & Brynhyfryd PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, February 25 at 7pm.

Newcastle PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, February 25 at 7pm.

### Computer classes for seniors

**AGE Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, holds a free computer, tablet, or iPad session on Thursday mornings at 10am-12 midday.**

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### Bridgend Quakers

**BRIDGEND Quakers meet on Sundays at 10am at the Quaker Meeting House, 87 Park Street, and on Wednesdays at The Zone at 46-48 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, between 12pm-1pm.**

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### Gardening Club

**COWBRIDGE Gardening Club meetings will resume on Thursday, January 31, at 7pm in the Lesser Hall, when the speaker will be Sue Verran on 'Hedgehogs'.**

Please note the new time, and remember to bring some hedgehog food. The club looks forward to welcoming new and returning members.

**Vale MP's Brexit meeting**  
**Vale MP Alun Cairns is holding a public meeting on Brexit to explain what's gone on and to discuss ways forward.**

The meeting is being held at Wyndham Conservative Club, Harbour Road, Barry CF62 5RZ, 11am to 12.30pm on Saturday, January 19.

All Vale constituents are welcome.

# Barry man (71) faces trial at Crown Court

**A 71-year-old Barry man will face trial in Cardiff Crown Court on February 12, charged with a number of non-recent sexual offences.**

Anthony Hampton was arrested in January and was charged with 10 counts of indecent assault. The charges related to two people, who were children at the time of the alleged offences.

He appeared at Cardiff Magistrates Court on January 15, and the case was adjourned for trial in Cardiff Crown Court on February 12.

Mr Hampton is a Vale county councillor, representing the Illyd ward.

At the time of his arrest, Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the Vale Council, said: "Cllr Hampton remains an elected member of the Council for the Illyd ward.

"Under the Local Government Act it is only the Adjudication Panel for Wales that has the statutory power, following an application from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, to suspend councillors on an interim basis. As the Council's Monitoring Officer I have informed the Ombudsman's Office of this matter. Cllr Hampton does not currently sit on any committees.

"The Council takes allegations of this kind extremely seriously. After being informed of the arrest of Cllr Hampton by South Wales Police earlier this year the Vale Council, in conjunction with Barry Town Council, immediately instigated its safeguarding process in line with the All Wales Child Protection Procedures. The Council has since worked to assist the police with their investigation."

The Vale of Glamorgan Conservatives announced that Cllr Hampton had been suspended with immediate effect.

## Horse society is angry after Porthcawl footpath diversion gets green light

**THE diversion of a footpath in Porthcawl which provoked strong opposition from the British Horse Society has been given the go-ahead by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).**

Councillors approved the diversion of a section of Footpath 17, which is accessed from The Burrows, Newton, at a rights of way sub committee on Tuesday, January 8.

The footpath needs to be moved after planning permission was given for a house to be built on it.

The length of the footpath to be diverted is around 55m and the proposal involves moving it from one side of an area of open ground to the other.

The distance separating the existing footpath

and the proposed alternative is around 11m.

The British Horse Society is against the diversion saying it is not being treated fairly.

The society has previously submitted two orders for the section of existing path to become a bridleway.

And rights of way officers admit that three years before the current application to divert the footpath was received, the local authority made the decision to upgrade Footpath 17 to a bridleway.

But it never happened due to "resource issues" within the council.

The British Horse Society said the applications to upgrade the footpath to a bridleway should be dealt with before any decision was taken on the proposed path diversion.

It said the proposed width of the new footpath - at 1.5m - was too narrow and would make it unsafe for horses and members of the public to

pass should a bridleway be approved at a later date.

Speaking at the rights of way meeting Gordon Wheeler, county access and bridleways officer for Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot, said horse-riders were being fenced out of public open space.

But council officers said some of the area in question was private land.

Before any changes to a path are finalised the order has to be advertised and if any objections are received the order has to be determined by an inspector appointed by the Welsh Government.

A three-bedroom house received planning permission on the site in September 2017 but before work can begin on it the footpath diversion had to be approved.

**Liz Bradfield**  
Local democracy reporter

## 'Oldies' charity to visit Porthcawl

**THE 'Goldies Cymru' charity is a charity that reaches out to older isolated people across south Wales, and it is coming to The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.**

A spokesperson said: "For many people, attendance at our daytime 'Sing & Smile' sessions is one of the few social occasions to be with others, to sing, and to have fun.

"We are staging a number of roadshows across south Wales in the months ahead to introduce our work into new communities. Our fourth takes place at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Monday, January 28 from 1pm to 2pm.

"Goldies", as we are more fondly known, is

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# Bridgend Sports mini and juniors rugby round-up

**THIS week's fixtures were shrouded with a cloud, as all teams paid their respects to former club president Andy Chinn OBE who passed away this week.**

Andy was a club legend as a player and administrator. He took great delight in seeing young players taking to the field each week. All sides observed a minute's silence before the game and wish to send their deepest condolences and sympathies to Andy's family at this sad time.

The under-7s welcomed a good Bridgend Athletic side for a competitive game. There were some great running and skills on display. Danny Beal made a fine debut. Isaac Davies and Dion Williams both scored good tries and kept a solid defence.

The man of the match went to Dion Williams who gave his all throughout.

**The under-8s hosted Kenfig Hill and Bridgend Athletic.**

They delivered a great team effort. All players worked well to keep their line. Sports enjoyed plenty of possession and the players tagged like demons whenever their opponents had the ball.

Top taggers were Matthew Griffiths and Archie Hall with 17 tags each. In attack the following players scored tries: Leo D'Adamo (2), Archie Hall (2), Gethin Roberts (2), Rhydian Cronin, Ollie Balmer, Aled Rees, Mikey Heanue, Alex Bright and Charlie Hearing.

Scores: Sports 2, Athletic 4; Sports 1, Athletic 3; Sports 3, Kenfig Hill 9; Sports 2, Athletic 5; Sports 3, Kenfig Hill 4.

**The under-9s had a tough morning as they went down 15-65 to their neighbours.**

Sports' try scorers were Dan Perryman, Dan Flower and Rhiwbyn David, who

scored on his debut. Evelyn Murray was tackler of the week and Rhiwbyn David was star player.

**The under-10s welcomed a good Bridgend Athletic team.**

Both sides contributed to a series of four hotly-contested derbies. The Athletic took the spoils in the first game with a 30-15 victory. The second game was a little closer with the Athletic winning 20-15. The last two games were close-fought draws, 20-20 and 25-25.

The Sports try scorers were Harry Mallinson, Osian Stephens (3), Lennon Griffiths, Oskar Amerein, Reuben Williams, Noah Roberts (3), Tom Curley, Sion Coulthard, Billy Carpenter-Davies and Leo Giroud (2).

**The under-11s played the Athletic and Llantrisant.**

In the first game against the Athletic, the Sports threw everything at their opponents but could not penetrate an organised defence. The final score was Bridgend Sports 0, Bridgend Athletic 20.

Llantrisant also proved to be well-drilled, tough opponents, the Sports scoring a late try from Finley Goodwin for a final score Sports 5, Llantrisant 20.

Chloe Roblin was star player of the week for an excellent forward display.

**The under-12s defeated Valley Ravens 17-5.**

The Sports scored two tries in the first half through Ben Evans and Gruff Roberts, both converted by Sam Gardner, for a 14-0 half-time lead.

They continued to control the game in the second half, and a penalty in front of the posts gave the Sports an easy three points for a 17-0 lead.

However, a little complacency set in which allowed the Ravens to score a soft

try to reduce the score to 17-5.

**The under-13s hosted Aberavon Green Stars and the Sports secured a 39-12 victory through a fine team performance.**

Both sides contributed to a tough physical encounter that delivered nine good tries. The Sports try scorers were Cian John (2), Connor Jones (4) and Ben King, with Ieuan Pilliner adding two conversions.

**The under-15s visited Caerau Ely for the first time.**

The Sports were showing a willingness to run the ball from all over the pitch. The Sports scored seven tries and four conversions to run out 45-7 victors.

Tries were scored by Jack Thomas (3), Sam Goodwin, Rhys Mitchell (2) and James Murray. Sam Goodwin (four conversions) and Owain Peters should also be commended for some great kicking. Jack Thomas was man of the match.

**The under-16s enjoyed their trip to Llantwit Major, who were great hosts and offered to share players.**

The Sports started well, scoring within minutes, but Llantwit soon fought back to take 7-5 lead.

The Sports responded with three quick tries and then a short while later the fourth, after a break downfield.

It continued to be a fast pace game and all players were exhausted at the end, the Sports winning 34-51.

*New players are always welcome to join the Sports' growing squad – please contact us via our Facebook or Twitter pages; Bridgend Sports RFC Minis & Juniors or @SportsMiniRugby on Twitter.*

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The under-13s pictured during the minute's silence.

## Wayne makes 300th first XV appearance for the Athletic

**WAYNE Fooks, the daddy of the Bridgend Athletic first team, made his 300th first XV appearance for the Athletic in the Division One East Central game against Glamorgan Wanderers on January 12, where he played the full 80 minutes competing very well as usual against two much larger props during the game.**

Only Stuart Morris, with 458 senior appearances in total, and Simon Mustoe with 314 senior appearances in total, lead him. Potentially Wayne could become only the second player to make 400 Ath senior appearances some time next season.

This club legend has the most Athletic senior forward appearances – 369 – and two of the current Athletic coaching team – backs coach Stuart and forwards coach David Williams – played alongside Wayne earlier in his career.

Having played in most of the club age group teams, Wayne played youth rugby before, 20 seasons ago in 1998, he made his first senior appearance.

Wayne has played 300 times for the first XV and 69 for the second XV. He has seen the club progress from the old Division Five through to the Championship and is currently playing in Division One East Central, holding off the challenge of many club props of far greater stature than him.

Not many opposing props have out-scrummaged him either. Remarkably he came back from a double ankle and broken leg in a Championship game at Narbeth two seasons ago. He has crossed for 29 tries and has 145 points to his name.

He remembers playing in a Silver Ball final, with the likes of Lee Byrne, Stuart Morris, Robert Coles, Gareth Bartlett and Lee Grabham in the same team.

Wayne is a very popular player and person with everybody associated with club to which he has given so much. This was duly recognised when he was once awarded clubman of the year. He is also among a handful of players awarded an Athletic cap.

Wayne coached his son Brandon, now with the Athletic youth, through the age groups. He is now on a second



cycle coaching the under-9s team in which his daughter Lauren plays.

Team manager Paul Hearne added: "Wayne is without doubt an integral part of the first XV as well as the club. He is a clubman through and through and to play so many games is a testament to his dedication and fitness."

He is a secret trainer, seen in a gymnasium most mornings! He is a credit to Bridgend Athletic RFC, and long may he continue playing for us."

Forwards coach David Williams added: "Wayne has been great to coach. To play in the demanding position of prop forward for so long is a massive achievement."

Backs coach, and the only former Athletic player with more appearances than Wayne, Stuart Morris, perfectly summed up Wayne: "For me he is an exceptional club man, a very good trainer who over the years has become a cornerstone of the first team side/squad. A mark of his commitment to Bridgend Athletic, is returning from a career threatening injury at the age of 37 to retain his position in the first team. He is a credit to our club, his family and himself."

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## Under-strength Ath seconds beaten as youth team impress

**THE WRU Conference game between Cardiff Metropolitan and Bridgend Athletic second XV was played on a very fast surface on Cardiff Met's new 3G facility.**

A bare 15 Bridgend side were faced with a very well-drilled super-fit Cardiff team, whose training showed within the set pieces.

For all the training, Cardiff failed to capitalise early on due to a brave Athletic defence.

An early Athletic penalty saw a missed opportunity for three points as the kick was brushed right of the uprights. Relentless attacks from the Athletic saw them driving up the field, led by the centre midfield and forward pack with very strong running from Aled Pilliner, Callum Swinford and captain Aaron Mordecai.

Errors with the Athletic ball retention enabled Met to break the free and score a converted try, soon followed

up with a penalty.

The Athletic were again on the front foot with more charges from Jamie Doherty, Matthew Greenman and Rhys Jones. An impressive surge on Cardiff's five-metre line saw them get across over the line only to be pulled back for a questionable accidental offside.

Bridgend found themselves back in their own 22 before the Met crossed over for another try. Ryan Pickford was particularly evasive from the base of the ruc, finding Joe Symmons, who was controlling the Athletic attacks.

Good support and talk from Josh Seldon enabled the Athletic to keep going around the park, but the Met had a full host of replacements on the day, which enabled fresh legs to capitalise on Athletic mistakes, fundamental in increasing their score.

The Athletic played valiantly with only 15 men; unfortunately the score did not reflect on the efforts of Bridgend who lost out on the day,

mainly due to the numbers the opposition were able to employ against a tiring side late on.

**Bridgend Athletic youth welcomed Maesteg youth to Newbridge Fields for the final league game before the league splits.**

It was fantastic to see 19 Ath players turn up raring to go and hungry for a win. The Ath started strongly against a very forward-orientated team and it wasn't long before a great break through the midfield from centre Dan Osargie saw him feed Cameron Lewis, who then passed to Sam Veasey to speed around his wing opponent to score a fantastic try under the posts, which was converted by outside half Ethan White.

A short while later number 8 Josh Llewellyn broke through several tackles and fed Ellis Bull who crashed over from five metres to score his first try for the Ath – well done. The conversion was narrowly missed by Ethan White.

They capitalised on this by scoring two tries from driving lineouts, one of them converted by their outside half, to reduce their deficit to 17-12. However, the Ath always appeared to be in control of the game and continued to press at every opportunity.

By this time, confidence was running high throughout the team and they dominated possession, constantly looking dangerous. Ethan White and Dan Osargie were both inexplicably called back to be awarded penalties near the halfway line, despite being about

to score under the posts! However, indiscipline from Maesteg saw the second penalty being taken forward 10 metres to become a kickable penalty with the score still at 17-12 to the Ath.

Such was the confidence that the penalty kick at goal was shunned, and Ethan White kicked to the corner.

A great lineup take from Morgan Bennett saw a driving maul form. This was dragged down 10 metres short; however, man of the match Josh Llewellyn picked up the loose ball and drove through several tackles to score a well-deserved try to give the Athletic a bonus point, 22-12 victory.

The coaches summed up: "A fantastic effort from all 19 players who all played their part in a great win which will give them lots of confidence moving into the second half of the season."

"The new coaching set-up could not be prouder of every single player and look forward with great belief and anticipation for what this squad of players are capable of going forward. Well done boys!"

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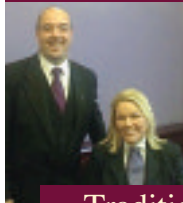
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## Family Notices

## BOYLE

## Betty (née Hayes)

It is with a broken heart the family announce the peaceful passing of Betty, of the Buttrills, after a very short illness at the University Hospital of Wales on the 9th January 2019. Beloved mum of Stephen, Paul, Susan and their partners. Loved nan and good friend to many.

Betty is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until her funeral service on Friday, 25th January at 10am at the Memorial Hall, Barry, followed by a private committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

The family request family flowers only and donations if desired, in memory of Betty, may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

## PREEN

## Eileen (née Miller)

Peacefully on 29th December, 2018, aged 83 years, devoted wife of 63 years to Bill. Loving mum to David, Liz and Sam, cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest, on Monday, 28th January at 11am, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations can be made in memory of Eileen, in favour of Alzheimer's Society at the service.

## DEE

## Phyllis

Peacefully passed away 4th January 2019, aged 92 years. Devoted wife to the late Charles, loving mother to Trevor.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 17th January at 1.45pm, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home.

## CROSSMAN

## Simon Huw

Peacefully on 6th January 2019, Simon passed away at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Much loved father of Rhian, Lowri and Eleri, beloved brother to Andrew and sister-in-law Anna.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 29th January 2019 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in Simon's memory welcomed to LATCH, Welsh Children's Cancer Charity, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

## JACOBS

## Thelma (née Horman)

Sadly at Llandough Hospital on 9th January 2019, Thelma, aged 85 years. Much loved mum of Andrew and daughter-in-law Angela. Loved nan of Luke, Rachel, Kelly, Becky and Andrew a great nan to Maddox, also a dearly loved sister and aunt.

Thelma will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 1st February at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired for Llandough Hospital Stroke Rehabilitation Unit c/o the funeral director.

## JONES

## Christopher

30-01-1963 - 05-01-2019

Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 5th January, Christopher of Barry, beloved son of Ashleigh and the late Valerie. Adored brother of Martyn and Lynn.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service and committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 22nd January at 3pm.

Funeral entrusted to Anthony Thomas. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

## BAKER

## Robert James (Bob)

(Formerly of Securicor and Llandough School of Motoring)

Passed away peacefully after a long illness at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 6th January 2019, aged 78 years. Loving husband to Margaret. Loving father to Susan and Michael. Loved father-in-law of Alison and Alun. Wonderful grandad to Rob and his partner Charlotte.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Dinas Powys at 10.30am on 18th January, followed by committal at Penarth Cemetery.

Gentlemen only to the burial please.

Flowers to the funeral directors, if desired, in memory of Bob or donations in lieu to Maggie's Cancer Centre, Swansea, which can be made at the service or given to the funeral director.

## BROOK

## Gloria

Peacefully at Lavender Fields Care Home, Tunbridge Wells, on 5th January 2019. Loving wife of the late David and mother to Antony and Tim, long time resident of Aberthin.

Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 21st January at 2.15pm. No flowers please, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research UK.

## HARDWICK

## Michael Andrew

(Andy the Artist)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Andy on 30th December 2018. Deeply loved and missed by Sue and their son Joseph.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 24th January at 11am. Family flowers only, suggested donations in lieu, to Alzheimer's Research UK. Colourful dress code.

## SHARPE

## Pamela Louise (née Hallett)

Peacefully passed away on the 8th January 2019 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Beloved wife of the late Richie. Much loved mother, mother in law, grandmother, grandmother in law and great grandmother.

Pamela will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 24th January 2019 at 2pm and thereafter to Boverton Cemetery. No black clothing to be worn at Pamela's request please.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## WILLIAMS

## Glenys

23rd March 1930 - 7th January 2019

Passed away peacefully in her sleep.

She is survived by her children Tyrone, Tina and Terry, and her grandchildren Daniel, Sebastian, Adam and Morgan.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Your passing has left a void in our hearts, but the memories you leave behind will forever fill our souls with warmth and happiness.

Service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Dementia UK or Contact the Elderly. 'We are such stuff as dreams are made on; and our little life is rounded with a sleep.'

William Shakespeare



## O'SHEA

## John

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of John on Monday, 7th January 2019.

We are heartbroken, John will be deeply missed.

The funeral will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 23rd January at 10am. Dress as you wish, black is not essential. Family flowers only please. Donations in John's memory can be made at the service, to the intensive care ward at University Hospital Wales. All are welcome at Llantwit Major Rugby Club after the service.

## DAVIES

## Dorothy May

Peacefully at home, on Saturday, 5th January, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Bill, cherished mother and grandmother.

Dorothy will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon, Funeral Friday, 25th January, service and interment 11.30am at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Mencap or Zoar Presbyterian Church c/o the funeral director.

## SWANNICK

## Jean

Peacefully on 7th January, Jean passed away in the Waverley Care Centre, Penarth, aged 89. Much loved mum of Anne, sister to Margaret and the late Mary and Richard.

The funeral service is at the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, on Tuesday, 22nd January at 11am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if so desired to The Alzheimer's Society.

The family invite you to Brynhill Golf Club, Barry for light refreshments following the service.

## Acknowledgements

## CARTER

## Marie Winifred Anne (née Gilham)

Marie's family extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all family and friends for their thoughtful messages, kind donations and especially their presence at the celebration of Marie's life.

Thanks to Merthyr Dyfan Church, Barry and to Reverends Ben Andrews and John Stacy-Marks for their sensitive and insightful tributes to Marie. Thanks to the kind and dedicated staff on Ward 7B at UHW. Thanks to Malcolm for his advice and support. Special thanks to Jordan and Green Willow Funerals for taking care ...

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday Carolyn

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## Kathryn Mortimore

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## Thank you

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Mrs Klee

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## Ryan Day beats John Higgins in the Masters

**BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day** With the match eventually produced a final frame 128 total clearance to beat Scotland's John Higgins 6-5 in the first round of the UK Masters snooker tournament at Alexandra Palace.

Higgins, 43, a four-times world champion and twice a winner of the Masters, won three of the opening four frames, including a break of 65, to race into a 3-1 lead.

But Day, 38, fought his way back into the match with three successive breaks of 52, 111 and 83.

He will now face Ronnie O'Sullivan in the quarter-finals today (Thursday).

Day, from Pontycymer, is ranked 13th in the world. He has won over £1.5 million in a 20-year professional career and made 354 century breaks, including a maximum 147.

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**Michael Prosser**

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## Aberthin's Tim wins his own race!

**ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan, sponsor of the opening Tim Vaughan Racing Supports Ffos Las Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Monday, January 14, had plenty to smile about when his eight-year-old Briac, a 16-1 chance, ran out a nine lengths winner from Cottonvale, trained by fellow Vale trainer Christian Williams.**

Those punters who backed Briac, who was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, on the tote were rewarded with odds of more than 22-1, the tote dividend paying £23.10 to a £1 stake.

Pembrokeshire trainer Dai Rees, sponsor of the Dai Rees Handicap Hurdle, saw his *Gone Platinum*, ridden by Welsh rider Lorcan Williams, finish a length and a quarter behind the Evan Williams-trained *Golden Whisky*.

A 7-1 chance, six-year-old *Golden Whisky* was ridden by Evan's stable jockey Adam Wedge.

There were only three runners for the Prince Fluffy Kareem Novice's Chase which was won by the long odds-on Nicky Hendersen-trained *WhatsWrongWithYou* and *The Last Day*, trained by Evan, who is the leading trainer at Ffos Las, gave punters a run for their money when finishing second.

**Tim strikes again** After saddling winners on Sunday and Monday, trainer Tim Vaughan was back in the winners' enclosure on Tuesday, January 15, after his eight-year-old *Debec*, which had made the 301 miles journey from the Vale, landed the Sky Sports Racing Virgin 535 Novices Chase at Newcastle.

*Debec*, a 6-5 chance, beat the odds-on favourite *Jammin Masters*, ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, by three-and-three-quarter lengths.

*Debec* was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns who has been in cracking form this season.

**Brian Lee**

### GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (STATION ROAD (RHAN) DINAS POWYS) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2019

- Ar 17 Ionawr 2019, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 Orchymyn a'i effaith fydd fel a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod:
- Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Station Road (Rhan) Dinas Powys) (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro) 2019 a daw i rym ar 21 Ionawr 2019.

#### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

#### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Y ffordd sydd i'w chau yw Station Road Dinas Powys o'r gyffordd â ffordd Caerdydd i'r gyffordd â'r Sgwâr.

**Rheswm:** Er mwyn galluogi gwaith i adnewyddu pibellau nwy i fynd rhagddo.

**Hyd:** O 8.00am ar 21 Ionawr 2019 tan 8.00pm ar 29 Mawrth 2019

**Llwybr Arail:** Bydd dargyfeiriadau lleol wedi'u harwyddo ar waith.

**DS:** Cynhelir mynediad i drigolion a gwasanaethau brys.

Dyddiedig 17 Ionawr 2019

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai  
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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (STATION ROAD (PART) DINAS POWYS) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

- On 17th January 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
- The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Station Road (Part) Dinas Powys) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2019 and will come into force on 21st January 2019.

#### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The road to be closed is Station Road Dinas Powys from its junction with Cardiff Road to its junction with the Square.

**Reason:** To allow for gas main replacement works to be undertaken

**Duration:** From 8.00am on 21st January 2019 until 8.00pm on 29th March 2019

**Alt. Route:** Local signed diversions will be in place.

**NB:** Access will be provided for residents and emergency services.

Dated this 17th day of January 2019.

Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



### GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (LÔN 5 MILLTIR), Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30 MYA) (DROS DRO) 2019

Ar 17 Ionawr 2019, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 1 Chwefror 2019 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig angenrheidiol yn eu lle, p'un bynnag yw'r dyddiad diweddaraf, a gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os ydych am herio dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddarfnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r perwyl hwn o fewn chwe wythnos i 17 Ionawr 2019.

#### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

#### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** A4226 Waycock Road (Lôn 5 Milltir) y Barri o gylchfan Waycock Cross ar ei hyd i gyffordd Sycamore Cross wrth yr A48

**Rheswm:** Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith i wella'r ffordd.

**Hyd:** O 10.00 ar 1 Chwefror 2019 am hyd at 18 mis.

Hefyd, caiff y Gorchymyn o'r enw Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4226 Waycock Road (Lôn 5 Milltir) y Barri) (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30 mya) (Dros Dro) 2018 ei ddiddymu.

**Dyddiedig 17 Ionawr 2019.**

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenvoe CF5 6AA.



### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

On the 17th January 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 1st February 2019 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 17th January 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Waycock Cross Roundabout throughout its length to Sycamore Cross junction at the A48.

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.

**Duration:** From 10.00 Hours on 1st February 2019 for a maximum period of 18 months.

In addition, the order known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane), Barry) (30MPH Speed Restriction) (Temporary) Order 2018 shall be revoked

Dated this 17th day of January 2019

Director of Environment and Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA



## Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

**THE latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club are as follows:**

Monday, January 7: First, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 66.10 per cent; second, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 61.74 per cent; third, John Beard and Glyn Williams, 59.85 per cent.

Monday, January 14: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 70.14 per cent; second, Mike Best and Phil Felman, 59.72 per cent; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 57.18 per cent.

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## MTK Global return to Vale Sports Arena

**MTK Global will return to Cardiff's Vale Sports Arena on March 1 as Welsh boxing continues its resurgence.**

With Liam Williams' recent British title glory spearheading a swell of interest in the Principality, MTK Global is back at the scene of its successful mainland show in Wales, which was headlined by 'The Machine'.

MTK Global president Bob Yalen said: "It's always great to bring a big night of boxing to the hotbed that is Wales, where fans always get behind their fighters with great passion."

"From Jimmy Wilde to Howard Winstone to Joe Calzaghe, the Welsh have a wonderful history of boxing heroes."

"We've got some hugely promising talent emerging in the likes of Jacob Robinson and Jacob Lovell, and with Liam Williams providing a beacon for all aspiring fighters in the region, Welsh boxing is set for a big year."

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## Porthcawl RFC grab away win in tricky encounter

**PORHCRAWL** picked up maximum points on tricky away trip to Morriston, home club of the famous Moriarty rugby family, with four tries in an exciting, if somewhat error-ridden encounter.

The Seaweeds got off to a great start when, after just four minutes, some good attacking play opened up the opportunity for full-back Ben Thomas to slither through for a corner try, superbly converted by fly-half Josh White, and 0-7.

Morriston got back into the match five minutes later when a Porthcawl offside allowed a 22 metre penalty for 3-7.

Porthcawl lost prop Tim Lunn with a head injury before Ben Thomas produced a mazy run that had the home side chasing shadows, until this came to an end with a high tackle.

White punished that error with another penalty for 3-10. Lunn then returned both to the field and to wrecking the home scrum with some powerful scrummaging.

This led to the perfect platform for White to extend the lead with a super 40-metre drop goal at 3-13.

Despite their good play this far, Porthcawl yielded a penalty for back-chat to the referee and as the penalty attempt hit the post and bounced back into play, Morriston nabbed an opportunist converted try and were suddenly only three points adrift at 10-13.

With centre Aled Davies having a great match in midfield, the Seaweeds extended their lead just short of going into the break, as Davies' break, and

scoring pass from Jordan Fox as the extra man, saw young left wing Ross Jenkins fly over at the corner, with White's conversion coming back off the post.

Morriston immediately responded with another penalty to make it 16-18 at half-time and Porthcawl needed to make better use of their possession in the second half.

It was the home side that took the lead for the first time with another penalty after 43 minutes and 19-18 before a driving Seaweeds lineout set up the chance for the mercurial Ben Thomas to nab his brace try, as he weaved his way through the gap to score another Porthcawl try, converted by White for 19-25, a lead Porthcawl would not lose.

As the visiting backline got its act together once more, it was centre Davies who strode for the corner for an outstanding bonus point try, White's attempt at the extras just short and wide.

At 19-30, and with just five minutes left, Porthcawl had to simply keep their shape and defence intact.

However, the home side were not done yet and when the cruellest of bounces from a speculative kick ahead beat Ben Thomas, Morriston gleefully snatched a converted try at the posts for 26-30, a score too close for comfort at the end, but nevertheless a valuable five points for the Seaweeds.

Porthcawl will be seeking the double and maximum points once more when Ystradgynlais visit South Road on Saturday.

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## Back-to-back victories for Tynewydd FC

**TYNEWYDD FC** made it back-to-back wins and moved up to second in the table with a hard-fought 2-1 win against Cardiff Airport.

It wasn't until midway through the first half that either side produced anything of real consequence, with the game up to that point similar to the weather – grim.

Tynewydd were caught on the counter-attack from their own corner when a quick pass set the Airport player streaking through on goal and a one-on-one chance went begging as Tynewydd keeper Callum Coleman stood strong, producing a solid save to keep the scores level.

Airport would soon be in front, though, when a quickly-taken freekick caught Tynewydd out and a sweetly-struck volley made it 0-1.

A minute before the break Tynewydd drew level when some mesmerising footwork from Lewis Union just outside the corner flag flummoxed

his marker and the resulting cross was headed in by Ollie Cooke at the back post to bring the sides level.

Tynny started the second half much the better and were soon in front when a crossfield pass from Jodie Shepherd released Mark McCarthy down the right wing, and his low drilled cross was met by Craig Rattenbury stealing in at the front post, who blasted the ball into the back of the net.

That move proved to be the highlight of the half, and game, as Tynewydd sat back and defended their lead, with their experienced back line restricting the Airport to only half chances at best in their hopes of grabbing a draw.

Man of the Match went to Ollie Cooke for his display in the middle of the park and his equalising goal.

*Squad: C.Coleman, P.Pydannah, J.Shepherd, S.Eveleigh, G.Pycroft, L.Union, O.Cooke, L.Union (c), M.McCarthy, E.Hicks, C.Rattenbury, J.Matthews, J.Smith, L.Peterson, G.Union.*

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## Awards evening for Vale Surf Lifesaving Club



**VALE Surf Lifesaving Club** recently held its annual awards evening and end of season party at Barry Yacht Club.

The evening celebrated the end of a successful year for the club which despite only having been in existence for a year has seen its membership grow to nearly 100.

The event was supported by members, family and friends from across all age groups and it was especially pleasing to see so many Nippers in attendance as this section of the club was only established in the summer of 2018.

Vale Surf Lifesaving Club was also very proud to have the Mayor of Barry, Janice Charles, attending the event to make the presentations.

Nia Hopkin, Nipper co-ordinator, presented the following awards: Most Improved Nipper - Katie Luen-Twining; Best Performance by a Nipper - Harry Nicholas; Nipper of the Year - Dylan James; Nippers Nipper - Honor Hopkin.

Over 40 Level 1 and 2 awards were also presented which is a huge achievement as most of the Nippers were completely new to the sport of surf lifesaving at the start of the summer.

Kelsea Peterson, junior co-ordinator,

presented the awards for her section with the Best First Year Junior going to Dylan James.

Dylan has recently returned to the sport and it is a privilege to have a young man with so much enthusiasm and kindness in the club.

The award for Most Improved Junior was presented to Alice Connolly for the huge improvement she has made across all areas of the sport both on the beach and in the sea.

The Best Performance trophy was presented to Reuben Hopkin for his incredible performance at the Welsh Championships where he won a medal in every event, and at the British Championships where he won a gold in the surf ski event along with four bronze medals.

Presentations were also made to those who achieved their NVBLQ Beach Lifeguard Awards with Tesni Gardiner, Brooke Peterson and Gemma Ewington receiving these for the first time, and Ellie Peterson, Kelsea Peterson, Daffyd Nicholls and Simon Parker renewing theirs.

As well as being a competitive sport, Surf Lifesaving teaches invaluable skills in order to preserve life.

This knowledge was put to good use in the summer of 2018 as club members were

involved in several rescues whilst training at Jackson's Bay.

Awards recognising these rescues were presented to Declan Ewington, Josh McKenna, Tesni Gardiner, Brooke Peterson, Rebecca Helmore and Simon Parker. Club chairman Simon Parker was awarded Lifeguard of the Year for administering CPR on a fellow runner during the Barry Island Park Run in October.

Many thanks to Jason Aspinall for supplying the very popular photo booth for the evening which was enjoyed by everyone and to Barry Yacht Club for their hospitality.

Special thanks to our many sponsors, including DS Fabrications.

As club members now focus on the pool competitions in the next few months, the club is delighted to have been included in the latest customer vote for a Bags of Help grant from Tesco. It's a scheme which gives community projects up to £4,000 – all raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores.

The public will now vote in store during January and February on who should receive the awards. Please support us in your local Tesco store in Barry, Dinas Powys, Penarth and Rhosce.

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# Seven-try Phoenix boost their survival hopes



Captain Amie Stevens makes a break (All pictures by Julie Hancock).



Team manager Michele Halse came out of retirement for this game.



Lady of the match Kelsea Purchall crosses the try line.

**PENCOED Phoenix travelled to Powys to face Gwernyfed ladies knowing that a win would go some way towards securing their Premiership status.**

This particular stage of their quest was achieved in no uncertain manner with a comprehensive seven try, 46-5 victory.

Phoenix took the lead in the opening 10 minutes when a forceful tackle from back row forward Emily Hughes spilled home possession and swift transfers from the Phoenix inside backs saw outside centre Emma Reynolds drift outside her opposite number to score from 30 metres out.

Soon after co-centre Rhianydd Morgan took play back into the home 22 with a strong burst and the home side conceded a penalty goal at the breakdown and Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell duly obliged from the tee.

A strong Phoenix drive at a close-up scrum provided the next score, the home eight driven back over their own line for Phoenix No8 Amy Stevens to get the touchdown, Burnell adding the extras.

Phoenix extended their lead with their three-quarters handling well before centre Kelsey Purchall burst through strongly to score from 35 metres out.

Gwernyfed then hit back and following sustained pressure in the Phoenix 22, Katie Priddle drove over, just reward for her first half efforts. Phoenix led 5-20 at the interval.

In the second half, once again a strong Phoenix scrum drive put them on the front foot and Purchall capitalised, breaking through strongly to score at the posts, Burnell converting.

Purchall was soon again in the action

with a clean break and despite a try hat trick beckoning and being virtually over the try line, she unselfishly gave a try-scoring pass to the supporting Laura Workman, which Burnell converted.

Phoenix were now running the ball with abandon and a sweeping move from their own half saw the supporting Laura Keeble on hand to cross the whitewash much to her obvious delight.

Burnell then wrapped up the scoring in the final minutes with a typical solo effort from around half way beating several home defenders on her path to the try line, before adding the conversion bringing matters to a close at 5-46.

This important Phoenix victory was based on a solid pack performance with the front row of Lucy Cahil, hooker Rose Lubin and Michele Halse scrummaging with purpose, and often in the ascendancy against a traditionally strong home scrum.

Phoenix team manager Halse turning out after being retired for three seasons to help her side who were missing several front row players on the day.

In a good all-round Phoenix performance, with a number of players putting their hands up for player of the match, the home side's choice went to Kelsey Purchall whose strong straight running had posed them all sorts of problems.

The Phoenix choice of Gwernyfed player of the match went to Katie Priddle, who battled hard throughout for a home side who never gave up and made Phoenix work for everything they got.

TR

## Llantwit Major reserves put three past Garden Village

**AFTER last week's win against Penybont, Llantwit Major reserves enjoyed yet another win in the highly-competitive Welsh League reserve division.**

Llantwit started brightly at Windmill Lane and with the wind pushed Village back with attack after attack.

Josh Morgan came close early on, as too did Gethin Jennings, who had their shots brilliantly saved by the opposition's keeper.

It only took eight minutes to get the Major ahead, as Kyrn Gardener dribbled down the left flank to eventually square the ball to Jennings outside the box for a first-time, left-foot finish.

Two minutes later Llantwit got their second. This time a dribble from the right side winger Chris Vinson saw him enter the box, only to see him fouled, drawing a defender to a reckless tackle. Josh Morgan took the penalty going to the keepers right bottom corner.

The second half saw

Josh Morgan substituted due to injury, Mike Gingel his replacement.

The visitors put the reserves under pressure in the opening minutes of the half as they pressed much higher looking to win the ball.

Keeper Scott McMillan was tested on a few occasions, however he stood tall and commanded his goal.

Llantwit showed no signs of sitting back and continued to attack, and Max Morgan and Vinson saw their efforts saved. Phillips and Davies also had chances but it was the move of the season which put the game to bed.

Morgan smashed home a well-worked move which involved a number of passes, working the ball into the box as the ball flew into the top corner from an angle from eight yards out, the game ending 3-0.

Team: S.McMillan, C.Garrett, J.Cutter, G.Davies, K.Gardener, C.Vinson, G.Jennings, L.Jones, J.Morgan, M.Morgan, S.Phillips. Substitutes: M.Gore, R.Malton, M.Gingel, A.Wrigley.

JT

## Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

**PREMIER Division leaders Barry Athletic maintained their lead at the top, as they came away from Bear Field with all three points in an impressive 3-1 win over Cowbridge Town.**

The result brings to an end Town's four game winning streak, TeeJay Caton and Andrew Colburn (2) with the goals that saw Athletic clear at the top.

Island Marine made it three wins out of three over Penarth this season as they saw them off 3-1 at Maslin. Penarth are now seven points off the leaders having played two more games, with their title challenge looking possibly over.

Town drop to third with AFC Rhose leapfrogging them into second following a 2-1 win over Sully Sports, Bevan and Tutch getting the goals that keep Rhose seven points behind the leaders, but with a game in hand.

Only two games in Division One, Cogan Coronation moved up a spot to fourth after a big 5-1 victory over SP

Billy at the Rec, while Tynwydd went second with a 2-1 win over Cardiff Airport, that's four league losses on the bounce for Airport.

Into Division Two, it was a coupon-buster as league leaders AFC Rhose B suffered a shock 3-0 defeat to bottom side Vale Madrid at Burnham Avenue, only Rhose's second loss this term.

St Athan B cut the gap to a point, although have played a game more, with a good 5-3 triumph over Barry Athletic B. The win gets St Athan B back to winning ways after two successive defeats ahead of the top of the table clash against Rhose B on Saturday.

Barry Viking's kept their interest in the title alive and well as they hammered Cadroxton Athletic 6-1, that's now six league games without a win for Athletic.

Penarth Town B went fourth with a 2-1 win over Island Marine B at Cwrt Y Vil, to stretch their run to five undefeated.

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## Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up



The under-9s in action against Bridgend Sports.

**WITH the under-7s having a squad of 22 players available, and with Bridgend Sports expecting only 10 players, it was decided the Ath would split their squad into two teams (Green and Golds), one to play the Sports and the other traveling to Barry RFC for a round-robin with Rhiwbina to maximise player game time.**

In their encounter with Sports the Ath came away comfortable winners. There was excellent defensive displays by Issac Rees, George Evans, Luis Tooze, Xavier Gardener and Matthew Hallez allied to the attacking play of Callum Brown, Charlie Tune and Osian Phillips.

The Ath Golds enjoyed plenty of game time, playing a total of three games against Rhiwbina, a team they haven't played before.

Although ultimately a great team effort, it's felt Tyler Pascoe, Adam Landells, George Cowan and Joshua Owen all deserve a mention along with Jacob Martin, who scored his first try for the club.

**The under-8s also played Bridgend Sports.**

The matches proved to be a combination of outstanding team effort and moments of solo brilliance with every single Ath player putting their stamp on proceedings.

In total four matches were played, with the Ath winning all three played against the Sports and drawing the game played against Kenfig Hill. The Ath accumulated an impressive 108 tags and scored 19 tries along the way.

**The under-9s took a squad of 22 players to play Bridgend Sports.**

Ethan Davies led the tackle count followed closely by Mason Brown and Osian Lord. Try scorers were Ethan Davies (4), Rhys Cawley (3), Rhys Gardiner (2), Dylan Gardiner, Grayson Lewis Whelan, Ewan Gill, Regan Henly, Max Edwards and Dylan Jones. Final score over the two games was Bridgend Athletic 75, Bridgend Sports 15.

**The under-11s also faced Bridgend Sports and scored try within the first two minutes.**

The game ended 8-0 to the Ath, another fantastic performance this season.

**The under-11s took on a strong Llantrisant side.**

The boys got off to a slow start with Llantrisant scoring two tries, but the remainder of the game was dominated by the Ath.

Hari Humphreys pulled one back from a well-worked move, and then Mackenzie Scales crashed through the middle only to be held up over the line. Unfortunately time was against the Ath and Llantrisant held out to win 3-1.

**The under-13s welcomed Kenfig Hill.**

The Ath got on the scoresheet first through Charlie Rees, but the half-time score was 5-24 to Kenfig.

Dan Honeyfield opened the second

half scoring for the Ath, before Kenfig scored only for Charlie Rees to slot over a penalty and Honeyfield score another try, converted by Rees to close the gap to 20-31.

However Kenfig scored another quick brace of tries to end the game clear.

**The under-14s hosted Bargoed.**

From the off Bargoed tried, with some success, to impose their extra size on the Ath boys as they won a series of rucks, and it was against the run of play that the Ath scored two very determined tries down the wings to move into a 12 point lead.

Bargoed were soon back within a single score, and they scored again through their centre just minutes before half-time to tie the scores at 12-12.

In the second half the Ath stepped up a few gears to move quickly into a 29-12 lead which Bargoed would not recover from.

Even though they continued aggressively and never gave up despite their best efforts, Bargoed failed to cross the Athletic line again, the Ath adding to the scoreboard and winning 41-12.

Back for the Ath after injury was Sam Matthews, who had a good, solid all-round game, as did Josh Stephens, McKenzie Grey and Jack Whitten in the backs, while Jac Hunter, Jacob Cox and Danny Wilson were strong in the forwards against bigger opposition.

**The under-15s travelled to face Porth.**

Porth struck first and the rest of the first half was very tight.

Ethan Scourfield equalised for the Ath, but not long after Porth cut straight through midfield.

Scourfield levelled the scores again and five minutes from the end Porth once again cut through midfield to get the final try of the game to make the final score Porth Harlequins 19, Bridgend Athletic 12.

**The under-16s travelled to Morriston for the quarter-final of the Ospreys Cup, hoping to get revenge for a narrow loss last October in the pool stages.**

The game started as a very cagey affair, but Tom Florence crashed over in the corner for a fantastic try, the conversion from the touchline narrowly missed by Euan Rees.

Michael Gillette took a quick tap penalty and drove through several tackles to score under the posts, the try converted by Euan Rees.

The second half continued in much the same vein as the first with the Ath forwards totally dominant. The Ath were awarded a penalty just outside the Morriston 22, which was converted by Euan Rees.

Captain Ryan Neagle took a quick tap penalty and drove over the line only to be adjudged to be held up. From the ensuing scrum number 8 Michael Gillette picked up and smashed through several tackles to get his second try, again converted by Euan Rees, and that was the end of the scoring, the final result 20-0 - a brilliant result!

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## Joint ladies captaincy announced at St Athan Golf Club

ST Athan Golf Club, along with many other sporting institutions, is recognising that the time commitments required are preventing the majority of members from dedicating themselves to being on a committee or accepting a captaincy tenure.

Therefore to assist in alleviating this situation, St Athan members are pleased to have Denise McGowan and Mags Vecchi undertake the joint captaincy for the ladies section and they showed their full support at the official drive-in.

It is customary for the outgoing ladies captain to present the final awards from the season before relinquishing her badge of office; however as Steph Bonnar was out of the country these tasks were bestowed on last year's club captain, Liz Thomas.

Gifts for the most partridges and birdies carded throughout the year, along with a voucher for the greatest number of 'chips/putts' holed from off the green' were presented to Gill Jones,

Liz Thomas and Carol Morgan respectively.

With the in-house protocol finalised the members congregated at the first tee, where the newly-appointed captains emerged through a guard of honour to perform the nerve-racking task of launching their opening drives.

The club captain, Gerald Thomas, was on hand to offer his own words of encouragement after being in a similar situation the week before at his drive-in.

As tradition dictates the members determine where they think the captain's ball will settle; however with two balls in play and each spectator only permitted one prediction they found their loyalties split - do they estimate the drive from Denise or Mags?

In their earlier acceptance speech, Mags and Denise emphasised that they were taking on the captaincy role as a joint venture and they would be totally equal in status, therefore they had opted to synchronize their official opening drives.

All started well, they both looked confident and relaxed on the tee as they took their stance and began the



*A guard of honour for the new lady captains!*

countdown - however Mags has obviously got a much speedier swing as her ball flew through the air before Denise had even made a connection!

In a running sport it definitely would have been considered a 'false start'. Mary Phillips-Morgan was delighted to find that her marker was the closest to Denise's

ball while Mags' ball came to rest alongside the marker placed by Margaret Jeynes.

A nine hole stableford competition for the ladies followed the formalities, resulting in Rose Dawson being declared the winner, carding 18 points, a full five points ahead of her nearest competitor.

Denise and Mags take this opportunity to

wish all fellow golfers a happy and prosperous golfing season.

They, along with St Athan Golf Club members warmly welcome new players of all ages and abilities - for further information contact the club 01446 751043, alternatively feel free to visit at your own convenience.

CM

## Busy day for Barry chess teams

**A BUSY day when three of Barry Chess Club teams were all in action on the same day, and all three of them were away.**

In Division 4, the Camelots travelled to Bridgend to play fellow relegation strugglers Bridgend A.

On this occasion, Mark Cooke, Tom Cooke, John Stephenson and Peter Watkins all drew.

There was controversy on board 1 when our player claimed a draw as his time was running out. His opponent refused the offer and duly won on time.

I was not present personally, so I don't know whether this was the last two minutes on the clock when the game should have been referred for an arbiter's decision regarding a forced draw.

Unfortunately, the correct procedure of a little known rule was not adhered to and we lost 3-2. We remain in eighth place, a half point above bottom club Bridgend with a game in hand.

In Division 4, the Gambits travelled to North Cardiff when the Eagles were their opponents.

The Gambits remain in second place after recording victories from Martin Ricketts, Sam White and Erion Pici with Michael O'Leary chipping in with a draw.

The match finished with a win for the Gambits by 3.5-1.5.

Unfortunately, the Penttyrch C team extended their lead at then top of the table with a 5-0 victory. They hold a 3.5 point advantage over the Gambits.

The Stauntons, also in Division 4, played at Penarth. The Piers had quite a strong side and won the match 3-2.

Ieuan Thomas and Sian Balchin continued their good form this season and took wins in their game. Oliver Adams on board 5 played perhaps his best match of the season to date.

Although it eventually ended in a loss, he took his time and his opponent commented that Oliver could have earned a draw until an error decided the match.

The Barry Chess Club meet at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details, visit [www.barry-chessclub.yolasite.com](http://www.barry-chessclub.yolasite.com).

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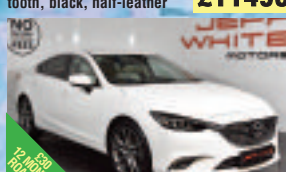
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# Barry RFC seconds in derby thriller

**BARRY RFC second XV finally opened their league account for 2019, travelling to Dinas Powis for a local derby.**

Coach Glyn Pirso and manager Joel Williams worked tirelessly to ensure a side would take the field against their more seasoned opponents, and in doing so handed out debuts to Regan and Blake.

The difference in organisation between the teams was obvious early on as Dinas Powys probed into the Barry 22 purposefully, only to be repelled by some strong tackling.

Indeed, it was only after a number of Barry transgressions that Dinas opened the scoring from a set scrum with the conversion missed.

Barry were struggling to hold on to meaningful possession, and with players often playing out of position, found it difficult to inject fluency into their attacking patterns despite the talents of O'Sullivan, Montague, Lockyer and Regan.

Dinas capitalised on more Barry indiscretion as they increased their lead with three other unconverted scores before the interval.

With Cieran Thomas limping off injured, all seemed lost, but encouraging words from the management at half-time revitalised the Barry XV.

With former manager Ken Chow replacing Thomas, Barry finally realised that quick ball would be the undoing of their more experienced opponents.

When quick exchanges in midfield between the half-backs created an opening, Regan was on hand to crash over to score Barry's first try of the afternoon. Richie O'Sullivan added the extras.

Sensing a momentum shift the Barry pack started to demonstrate their true

ability with ball in hand and gained territory and possession in the red zone.

From a quick tap penalty the ball was recycled for O'Sullivan to power through for yet another score to reduce the deficit. With his conversion true the score was now 20-14.

Dinas countered by coming down the other end and utilised their organised forwards to create two converted scores to swing the momentum, but Barry were undeterred.

Regan would demonstrate his powerful running again as he weaved through the home defence for his second try of the day, but this time the extras were missed.

It was the debutant who created Barry's fourth, and bonus-point, try when he chased down an accurate kick from the fly-half to force a turnover from the Dinas defence, before Luke Hewitson raced for the line to touch down. The extras were added with the deficit just eight points.

With an unlikely comeback on the cards, Barry were eventually defeated by the clock as time ran out with Dinas winners by 34-26.

This was a spirited performance by all players who took the field for Barry and wore the shirt with pride. With some fine-tuning a good season could still be had.

Barry second XV will host St Josephs this weekend at Reservoir Field, kick off 2.30pm. Any players interested in a run-out should visit the Barriars group on Facebook or follow us on Twitter, @barry\_rfc.

*Team: Diche; Regan, Montague, Lockyer; O'Sullivan (c), Hewitson; Hall, Prosser, Bowditch; Thomas, Blake; Morris, Goodfellow, Rolfe. Replacements: Chow.*

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## Barry and District men's Skittles League results

### DIVISION 1:

Geest 278 (L Dutton 29), Blue Monkey 271 (N McCarthy, M Underdown 27).

League table: 49ers 20, Geest 16, Posties 12, Billy Whizz 11, Blue Monkey 10, Willie Wombles 11, Bunker Boys 9, British Rail 8, Cannon Balls 8, KP Rejects 8, Merrymen 8, Sea View 7.

### DIVISION 3:

Alternatives 286 (A Rosser 35), Witchill Nomads 259 (P Thomas 29).

League table: Park Rangers 18, Witchill Nomads 13, Billy Bluebirds 12, Cocoa Nuts 12, Royalists 11, CUD 10, Glenbrook Flyers 10, Master Mariner 10 Abercete 8, Castle Boys 8, Alternatives 8.

### ALAN ROSSER CUP

Group C: 49ers 303, Hairy Lemons

289.

League: 49ers 6, H Bells 4, Hairy

Lemons 2, Alternatives 0.

Group D: Mighty Dockers 96, Cocoa Nuts 237.

League: Geest 4, Mighty Dockers 4, Cocoa Nuts 2, Glenbrook Flyers 2.

### HOLME TOWERS CUP

Second round: 49ers beat BP Breakaways; Geest beat Posties; H Bells beat Blue Monkey; Bunker Boys beat Cocoa Nuts; Castle Boys beat Billy Bluebirds; Witchill Poachers beat Barry Park B; Willie Wombles beat Mighty Dockers; Cavaliers beat Glenbrook Flyers.

*View all results and tables at barryleagues.co.uk.*

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## News and results from the Barrivale Bridge Club

**RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on January 8:**

The top three places were 1. Irene Thomas and Noelle Bond 61.43 per cent; 2. Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 60.42 per cent; 3. Hilary Morgan and Sean MacDougall 58.33 per cent. The handicap winners were Hilary and Sean.

As always, we welcome new members at the club and a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us please ring any of the

following numbers: 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on a Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play, 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

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## Vets put six past Merthyr

**IN this Over-55s Chris Grey Fire Doors League encounter against Merthyr Vets, Barry Vets ran out deserved 6-1 winners – although not without a scare or two on the way.**

As Barry can verify from their previous encounter, Merthyr continue to play with a cavalier approach, often with five players in attack. But this approach also makes them vulnerable as the home side proved when taking an early lead through a Paul Staddon penalty.

They doubled their advantage minutes later with a great strike from Murray but Merthyr replied when an impressive Otway converted neatly past John Jones to make the score 2-1 going into the interval.

The Martyrs' started the second period with real intent and although Price and Caffell were always dangerous, Barry defenders Mark Jones, Blackie and Gibb repelled most threats and, one save apart, gloveman Jones was rarely troubled.

Inevitably Bobbett extended Barry's lead on the hour, Murray made it four and Bambi Ballysingh scored the fifth from close in. Bobbett completed the scoring when he headed home a fine Murray cross.

This win puts Barry in contention for what look likely to be an exciting few months ahead in the over-55s League. It was also good to see a number of 60+ players performing well, including Merthyr's Jeff Dudley and Barry legend, Dickie Batt, who would be classed as being 'around the 70 mark'!

Several of the Barry squad will be stepping up to the Wales Veterans over-55s squad this Saturday, January 19, to face their English counterparts at Jenner Park – for more information visit walesveteransfootball.co.uk.

The match kicks off at 1.30pm prior to the Nathaniel Cars Welsh Cup final. Good luck to Mike Bobbett, Alun Huish, Paul Staddon, Mark Jones, John Jones, David Murray... and managers Shane Davies and Dickie Batt.

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## The Barry and District League tables and results

### CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End Runaways 11, West End 4; Moors Boys 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Liberals 8, Wyndham Cons 7.

League table: Liberals 103, West End Runaways 98, Cadoxton Cons 95, Rhooose Social 95, West End 92, Wyndham Cons 90, Moors Boys 87.

### SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 4.5, Liberals A 2.5; Cambrian Flyers 0.5, Rhooose Social B 6.5; Rhooose Social A 1, Allsorts 6; West End C 0, Rhooosters 7; West End D 6, Sea View Exiles 1; Rugby Club 5, Barries Boys 2; Rhooose Social C 6, Barry Town FC 1; Liberals C 5, King William XII 2.

League table: West End C 68.5, Sea View Exiles 66.5, Rhooosters 64.0, Allsorts 63.5, Barry Town FC 60.0, Rugby Club 57.0, West End D 57.0, Rhooose Social C 56.0, King William XII 54.5, Slammers 52.0, Rhooose Social A 49.5, Liberals C 45.0, Liberals A 43.0, Rhooose Social B 41.0, Barries Boys 29.5, Cambrian Flyers 19.0.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Harbour B 3, Rhooose Social B 2; Wyndham Cons A 4, Cadoxton Wildcats 1; West End C 5, Liberators 0; Cadoxton

Cons B 1, Savoy A 4.

League table: Savoy A 51, West End C 49, Harbour B 40, Wyndham Cons A 40, Cadoxton Cons Z 38, Cadoxton Cons B 35, Cadoxton Wildcats 26, Penarth Cons A 25, \*Liberators 21, Rhooose Social B 20, Market Street B 16.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Savoy B 4, West End A 1; Sully Sports A 1, Rhooose Social C 4; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Wyndham Cons D 4, West End B 1; Market Street C 3, Harbour A 2.

League table: Cadoxton Cons A 44, Rhooose Social C 44, Penarth Cons B 42, Savoy B 42, Market Street C 39, Wyndham Cons D 35, Harbour A 34, \*Services Social B 34, West End A 32, Sully Sports A 26, West End B 19 (\* = points deducted).

*View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.*

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## Young Welsh basketball players hoping for success

**PICTURED are the current under-16s Basketball Wales men's squad who hope to represent Wales in Albania in July this year at the European Basketball Championships.**

Six players play for the Vale Vipers, who train in Barry and Cowbridge.

Last year the Wales squad won silver in San Marino, their most successful showing in 10 years.

If you are a small business and would like to sponsor the team please email rachsymons34@gmail.com (under-16s team manager) for more details.

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## On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**DE Forgotten One, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, landed the Maiden Hurdle at Doncaster on Wednesday (January 9).**

Made the 7-4 favourite in a field of eight starters, the five-year-old won by two and a half lengths from Chocolate Box.

**WINS FOR VALE TRAINERS**  
The Vale's Evan Williams and Christian Williams both saddled winners last week.

On Thursday, Evan's Market Road, a 5-2 chance, partnered by Conor Ring, landed the closing  
Hose Thorns Handicap Chase by two-and-three lengths from Nomination Game.

Twenty-four hours later at Sedgfield, Christian's eight-year-old Sideways, a winner 10 days before and ridden by Nick Scholfield, won the Happy New Year From Paxtons Handicap Chase by three-and-a-quarter lengths from Chase The Wind.

Sideways went off the 15-8 joint favourite and Christian was winning the race for a second time as he had

been successful with Hedgicator last year.

**CHARLIE'S KELSO WINNER**  
Charlie Price who rides out for Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard, landed the opening EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at far-flung Kelso for Vaughan on six-year-old Trixter on Sunday.

Trixter, the 6-4 favourite, won by one-and-a-half lengths from Skandiburg after being a length and a half down at the last obstacle.

Versatile Charlie has also ridden winners between-the-flags and is also a successful Arabian horse racing jockey and was just piped for the Arabian Horse Racing Riders' Championship last season.

Vaughan, whose two horses made the 380-mile journey to the Scottish track, had hopes of a double but in the Kristoffersen Carpets & Flooring Handicap Hurdle, his Prince Charmin', ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, failed to catch Martilla, partnered by Pembrokehire's Sean Bowen, and was beaten by three parts of a length.

Brian Lee

## Delayed competition sees excellent scores

**THE improving weather saw 26 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section tee off in their delayed Christmas Stableford competition which was played over 16 holes.**

Against the par of 32 points for the slightly reduced course, some excellent net scores were posted.

Trefor Jones secured third place with 33 points, just one behind second placed Wayne Newton's 33 points. A single additional point was sufficient for Steve Phillips to claim the victory.

The section's second outing of the week was played in a team four-ball format over 12 holes with, for each of the five teams, the two best scores

recorded on the par fours and the best three scores recorded on the par threes.

The highlight of the day occurred at the par four, sixth hole with a 20 yard pitch into the hole for net eagle by Norman Lloyd followed immediately by fellow team member Trefor Jones' green side chip-in at the same hole for net birdie.

Together with Doug Mein and Bob Coombes, the team's final score of 65 points fell one short, however, of the 66 returned by the team of Roger Hatton, Fred Furby, John Paton and section captain, Dave Hughes.

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## Athletic slip to loss against impressive Wanderers



ABOVE LEFT: Aled Thomas looks for an opening with a box kick, while ABOVE RIGHT: Sean Williams leaps highest in the lineout. ALL PICTURES BY ALYN HUMPHRIES.

**FOLLOWING successive wins against Gylfach Goch and Treorchy, Bridgend Athletic visited Division 1 East Central league leaders Glamorgan Wanderers at their Memorial Ground.**

It was a remarkable milestone for veteran Athletic prop Wayne Fooks, making his 300th first XV appearance and 369th Athletic senior appearance in a career stretching back 20 years.

It was not to be the result Wayne wanted, as his side went down by 22 points to 10 in a game where the result greatly flattered the home side.

Only one player – current Athletic backs coach Stuart Morris – has made more appearances (459) than Wayne and he came out of retirement at the age of 47 to help an outside half crisis.

With both Athletic first choice no 10s suffering long-term injuries, Stuart became the seventh player to occupy that role this season. Like Wayne he played the full 80 minutes and both players' performances belied their ages.

Wayne saw off the

challenge of two far larger Wanderers props while Stuart turned back the clock with a true outside half display, both with out of hand kicking and bringing his backs into play. Both players are stepped in green and gold.

The Athletic, playing up the slope, started on the front foot dominating territory. Starved of early possession the Wanderers opened play on the halfway line. A long-attempted miss pass was seized on by alert Athletic wing Will Barraclough and intercepted to follow his last-minute winning try at Treorchy with a run in from half way. Full back Levi Hallett added the conversion to give the Athletic a 7-0 lead.

Morris was yellow carded on the 20-minute mark. The Wanderers attempted to capitalise with a series of penalty driving lineout mauls, which were held out by the Athletic but they succumbed to conceding a penalty for offside, allowing Wanderers outside half Luke Fish to narrow the deficit to 7-3.

From another free play from a penalty Fish kicked across field

and the ball bounced kindly for wing Max Cunningham to gather and cross in the corner. Fish converted to put the Athletic 10-7 ahead.

The final minutes of the half saw the Athletic pack take control. With man of the match no 8 Ben Davies, flanker Sean Williams and hooker Lee Murphy prominent, the Athletic launched drives at the home line.

From a five-metre driving lineout with the final play of the half the Athletic crossed for what they thought was a try, only for the referee's view to be obscured: he adjudged the ball held up.

The much heavier Wanderers pack asserted some early second half control and put the Athletic under pressure early in the half.

Athletic wing Will Barraclough made a break and looked likely to score but attempted a pass which went astray, and a scoring opportunity was missed.

Barraclough was again involved when Athletic no 8 Ben Davies broke from a scrum five metres from the Athletic line.

He fed Morris whose well timed pass saw

Barraclough race 40 metres along the touchline. The Wanderers countered and kicked back into the Athletic 22. They moved the ball wide for wing Will Jones to slip two tackles and cross in the corner to extend the Wanderers' lead to 15-7.

The Athletic responded and were awarded a penalty kicked by Levi Hallett. Two minutes later the Wanderers were also awarded a penalty inside the Athletic 22.

Before the Athletic aligned their defence, Wanderers scrum half Morgan Evans took a quick tap penalty and raced over for a try converted by Callum Bricknell.

The Athletic went all out in the final minutes for a losing bonus point try. Impressive scrum

half Aled Thomas, Morris and Barraclough all went close as desperate measures saw the home side concede two yellow cards.

However, the Athletic could not find the finishing touch to round off dominant possession and came away with nothing from the game.

Athletic head coach John Apsee was disappointed that his side's effort did not bring just reward against the division's top side.

The Athletic must dust themselves off for the challenge of the division's second-placed side Rummy at Newbridge Fields this Saturday, January 19.

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## Porthcawl Bridge Club latest news

**TO bring the festive season to a close, Porthcawl Bridge Club held its New Year party to which members brought their surplus Christmas fayre, with the club providing the wine. Thanks to all who contributed.**

Recent results are as follows:  
December 20: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.  
December 22: First, Pat Roper and Janet Richards; second, Dave and Debbie Lea.

January 3: First, Roger Draper and Rory Gibbons; second, Norma and Dave Newman.  
January 5, New Year Party: First, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second, John Beard and Tony Haworth.  
January 10: First, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays (6.45pm – 9.45pm) and Saturdays (3.15pm – 6.15pm) and visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.  
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## Losing bonus point for Maesteg Celtic

**MAESTEG Celtic travelled to Brynamman looking for their first away win in West Central League Division One.**

Unfortunately they had to make eight changes (two positional) to the team that won last week.

The first half saw the pack of Keith Stone, Ashley Poole, Sean Lambert, Rhys Bevan-Jones, Alex Jones, Mark Hillier-Rees, Ed Randall and captain Oliver Petty playing well and dominating both scrums and lineouts.

Celtic's three quarters had difficulty in coping with the well-organised home three quarters and let in three tries, all created from their own half.

Just before half-time Brynamman lost a prop and were forced to go to passive scrums while going down to 14 players.

Celtic began the second half 24-9 down. They took play into the home 22 and earned a



Man of the match Harrison Evans.

scrum near the line. He then closed the gap with a fine penalty before Brynamman went further ahead with one of their own.

Celtic attacked relentlessly and were rewarded when Harrison Evans kicked them deep into the home 22. The forwards took the ball on repeatedly until Oliver Petty broke the defence and the ball came to Matthew Harris, who dived over in the corner.

Celtic continued to press but had to be content with a losing bonus point, the final score 27-24.

Outside half Harrison Evans was voted Celtic's man of the match.

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## Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

On Wednesday, January 9: First, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

On Thursday, January 10: First, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; second, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; third, Ivor Hicks and Stewart Norton. The winners on handicap were Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

On Friday, January

11, playing north/south: First, Glyn Williams and Debbie Richards; second, Peter Bugden and Linda Jenkins; third, Pat Haworth and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Debbie Richards.

Playing east/west: First, Jane Brook and Ann Fox; second, John Moore and Gill Wybrow; third, Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths. The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton

Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursday, at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will continue his series of seminars on the rules of bridge.

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ABOVE: The Bridgend Sports under-12s were in action against the Valley Ravens on the weekend – turn to page 33 for a full round-up of their game and from the rest of their mini and junior teams.

## News from Tondur RFC

**IT'S due to be another historic day for Tondur Titans women as they prepare to take on Blaine women in their first ever home game at Pandy Park on Sunday, kick off 2.30pm.**

The Titans are also in need of a photographer for the remainder of the season, anyone who feels they can help should contact club press officer Mike Sully on 07789 793172.

Meanwhile, the Tondur first team are preparing for a home encounter with

Ammanford, a game they will be eager to win, to move clear of the Division One West central relegation zone.

Tondur youth are also home on Saturday to Brynmawr in a fixture that they will also be eager to win.

At this point in time Tondur seconds do not have a game on Saturday, but that may well change before the weekend.

Mike Sully